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SCRAPPED £10m FIRE HQ FOR SALE

by TIM SPIERS

THE scrapped £10 million fire control centre for the West Midlands and Staffordshire has been put up for sale after its owner went into receivership.

The empty building, at Wolverhampton Business Park, is now on the market with property agents Jones Lang LaSalle. The company is handling the sale of five of the centres nationwide and wants offers of around £107 million for all of them.

The centres for sale are owned by the Jersey-based Control Centre General Partner Ltd, which has gone into receivership.

The price covers the centres for Wolverhampton, Wakefield, Durham, Cambridge and Castle Donington.

Control

The construction of nine regional control centres, to replace 46 fire service control rooms, was commissioned by the former Labour Government along with four others across the country in 2004.

It had been hoped that the West Midlands building, on Wolverhampton Business Park, would have housed the control rooms of West Midlands, Staffordshire, Shropshire, Warwickshire and Hereford and Worcester fire services.

However, the centres were scrapped in 2010, wasting £469m of taxpayers' money.

The Wolverhampton centre is sitting empty while costing £1.4 million a year in rent and other costs.

So sorry, Jez tells Wolves faithful

Apology – Jez Moxey

WOLVES chief executive Jez Moxey has apologised to fans after the club's three-year stay in the top flight ended in a crushing defeat.

He spoke as the club counted the £30 million cost of relegation to the Championship, confirmed bySunday's 2-0 home defeat by Manchester City.

Television rights, sponsorship deals and prize money will all be hit, as will attendances at Molineux. Business leaders have also aired their concerns the city will be hit hard by the drop.

Robust

Mr Moxey said: "We're all bitterly disappointed. Clearly we regret what's happened and we are sorry to the fans, and collectively, we were simply not good enough to stay in the Premier League."

Despite the huge financial blow, Mr Moxey remained positive.

"The club is in a financially robust state and we don't have a pound's worth of debt." he said.

● **I'm staying here, Moxey tells fans– page 68**

Safety fears over seating

SEATS were removed from the new £18m Cullis Stand at Molineux ahead of Sunday's game.

Stewards were seen removing some seats which had been deemed unsafe following health and safety tests. Some fans said they said saw chairs cracking as people sat on them.

Street lights to be dimmed in cash cutbacks

ALL street lights in Staffordshire will be dimmed overnight under plans to save £8 million, council bosses have agreed.

Street lights across the county are being adapted as part of the scheme, which will start immediately.

Meanwhile more super-bright, energy-efficient street lights are being installed in neighbourhoods across Wolverhampton. Streets in Tettenhall Wood and Penn are getting the modern lights, which give off a far brighter glare despite using low-energy bulbs.

Choice

Four hundred examples of the new lights are already up and running in the city. Another 400 will be installed over the next year whenever lights are due for replacement.

In Staffordshire Councillor Mike Maryon, the county council's transport chief, has promised not to introduce a blanket night-time switch-off, but said cash could be saved over the next 16 years by installing the dimming equipment.

"We will be working with communities as part of the localism agenda and giving them the choice of what happens with street lighting in their area," he said. All areas face having their street lights dimmed, but some could choose to have them switched off from midnight until 6am.

First inmates arrive at new £200m prison

THE first 25 prisoners have arrived at the new prison inFeatherstone.

HMP Oakwood in Featherstone, worth £200 million, is now up and running.

The Category C prison, in Oaks Drive, is capable of housing up to 2,106 prisoners. A total of 25 inmates will arrive each week for the next six weeks, followed by 100 per week.

Full capacity is expected to be reached by next autumn.

● **Inmates to order food at touch of a button– page 2**

New sculpture moo-ves in

Riding high is Dave Austwick from Penn as volunteer Steve Harrington looks on

THEY were a familiar site roaming around the park more than 80 years ago, now this new sculpture is honouring the cows of its past.

Visitors to Wolverhampton's Bantock House and Park can name the wooden animal at the site. The artwork has been brought in to replace the former Flora Bell cow.

Cattle were bred by the Bantock family and are believed to have roamed the grounds of the park up until around the 1930s. Some were even successful in the show ring when shown by Baldwin Bantock.

The name of the new addition will be announced at a celebration on May 7. Children have until tomorrow (Friday) to submit their suggestions.

The winner will receive a £20 gift voucher for the on-site shop. Bantock casual June Greene said: "We were all a bit sad when Flora Bell rotted away. She was very popular with children. So we got sculptor Fred Woods to create a replacement."

First for Carillion in council contract

WOLVERHAMPTON-based Carillion has won a £500 million 10-year contract from Oxfordshire County Council - the first local authority contract of this kind in the UK.

The deal is for property and facilities management services.

The city construction firm will provide property and estates management and design services for the council under the deal, which could be extended for a further decade depending on performance.

Record

Carillion chief executive Richard Howson said: "We are delighted to be chosen for this exciting partnership with Oxfordshire County Council.

"This builds upon Carillion's strong track record in delivering integrated service solutions to local and central Government customers.

"We will continue to work closely with Oxfordshire County Council to ensure we deliver high quality, value for money services to the people of the county."

Knight is lined up for V-Fest

WOLVERHAMPTON soul singer Beverley Knight is the latest big name to sign up for this year's V Festival.

A host of artists have this week been added to the line-up, including The Feeling, Gossip, Newton Faulkner and Rita Ora.

Knight said she was looking forward to performing at V after attending the festival as a fan for the past few years.

The Stone Roses and The Killers will headline the festival, which takes place at Weston Park in Stafford on August 18 and 19. Extra tickets for the sold-out festival are set to be released.

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Bosses unhappy over Jubilee time off

MORE than a third of West Midlands businesses are unhappy about the additional bank holiday which is taking place in June to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The latest Close Business Barometer, a quarterly survey that canvasses the views of owner managers across the UK, found many were upset at losing a day's business.

Ian Steward, local head of Close Invoice Finance, said: "It is not hard to see why so many firms throughout the region are upset by the extra bank holiday that is being forced upon them in June.

"Businesses in most sectors across the West Midlands face a daily challenge to make ends meet and unfortunately this extra bank holiday means they have no option but to shut up shop on a day when they would rather be trading, making sales and generating revenue."

Among the Black Country businesses that will close on the day is Pallet-Track, which has its national hub in Millfields Road, Wolverhampton.

Managing director Nigel Parkes said it was their policy not to open on bank holidays and they would have to factor in the loss of an extra day's trade. "It is something we will have to work around," he added.

The survey found 42 per cent of firms were unhappy about the bank holiday but concede there is nothing they can do about it.

An additional six per cent showing strong opposition to the move, saying they are appalled that they stand to lose a day's work from the festivities, especially given the current economic climate.

Inmates to order food at touch of a button

FINGERPRINT technology will be used at Featherstone's new £200 million super prison to allow inmates to order food and arrange visits, it has emerged – as the facility prepares to welcome its first prisoners.

The majority of prisoners at the new HMP Oakwood, which takes its first lot of inmates this week, will also have a phone in their cells to make calls to family and friends.

A hi-tech touch-screen system placed in each cell block will be able to identify prisoners through fingerprints. Pictures of food options will then be displayed to allow them to select what they want.

Prison bosses say that it will help reduce the amount of food that is wasted.

Risk

Director Steve Holland said the jail will aim to give inmates qualifications that will increase their employability when they are released in the hope that it will reduce the risk of them reoffending.

Former police officer Mr Holland, who has worked at prisons throughout the country for over 30 years, said: "People believe if we make prison tough, it acts as a deterrent.

"I think it is a reasonable thing for people to believe, but actually it doesn't work like that. No matter how tough you make prison, people will commit offences.

"What acts as a deterrent is the likelihood that you are going to be caught.

"If you look at the US, crime is out of control. Doing it the way we are going to do it works."

Mr Holland stressed that the jail would be a working prison, with inmates working as closely to a 40-hour week as possible.

Six months jail after theft from home of ex

A WOMAN has been jailed for six months after stealing a £300 laptop from the Wolverhampton home of her former boyfriend.

Kerry Ryan, aged 29, took it from the property in Barnwood Road, Pendeford, when it was unoccupied.

The theft took place just two months after she was punished for a carbon copy offence, prosecutor Mr Mark Speed told Wolverhampton Crown Court.

He said: "She received a community order at this court on December 6 for an offence of burglary in similar circumstances at the same address."

Mr Jo Roe, defending, said that Ryan had a drink problem that affected her judgement. He said: "Her difficulty is that she drinks to excess and has been an alcoholic for a long time. She has little memory of the events because she was heavily intoxicated.

"Her former partner would not take her to the pub and she did this in a fit of pique."

Ryan, of Woden Road, Springfield, admitted the February burglary and was jailed by Judge John Warner.

Team on the ball for first contest

Beacon Goalball prepare for their first tournament at Bert Williams Leisure Centre

PLAYERS for a sports club set up in Wolverhampton last year to give blind and visually impaired people the chance to compete are warming up for their first tournament.

Thanks to a £9,800 grant from Sport England, the goalball team was launched by the Beacon Centre for the Blind and Wolverhampton City Council.

Now, after six months of training hard, the team is preparing to make its competitive debut at the John Oakley Goalball Tournament at Nottingham University on Saturday (28). Goalball coach Tim Jukes said players were looking forward to their first match, and to testing their newly-learned skills in competition.

Goalball is played by two teams of three in 24-minute matches. Team members wear eyeshades and have to roll the ball into the opposition's goal, helped by internal bells fitted inside to help players follow its path.

For more information about the sport or to inquire about joining call Mr Jukes on 01902 880111.

£27m plan for 999 rebuild at New Cross

A £27 MILLION emergency centre and critical care unit will be built at Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital, under new plans just unveiled.

The proposals include £10m for a complete rebuild of the accident and emergency department, plus £2.2m to demolish Wrekin House and relocate physiotherapy services.

A new "welcome centre" would also be created under the plans and the helicopter landing pad moved.

Estates manager Mike Goodwin said the new A&E building would be built on the old catering block.

Numbers

"We will be looking to get the new accident and emergency department up and running in the next five years, if not quite a bit sooner."

The redevelopment has been drawn up after figures revealed the A&E team dealt with more than 100,000 patients last year – a number which has increased over 10 years.

"The space allocated to A&E has not increased alongside the increase in the number of patients coming through the doors," Mr Goodwin said. "Over the next few months, we will be carrying out feasibility studies and assessments."

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New plans for house in collapse

PLANS are being drawn up for a house in Wolverhampton which partially collapsed without warning.

Neighbours spoke of hearing a noise "like an earthquake" after almost half of the semi-detached home in Claregate, Wolverhampton, subsided recently.

Owner of the house in Blackburn Avenue, Yogie Kumar, who had been renting it out, said he was waiting on the results of the investigation which would affect his insurance claim and was drawing up plans.

"I have an architect who is putting together plans to rebuild what is left of the house," said the 41-year-old, of Oaken, near Codsall

"More or less half of the house had to be knocked down as it wasn't safe."

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Town bid for own council

BILSTON is bidding to have its very own elected town council for the first time in over 40 years.

Groups in the town are drawing up proposals to set up the new council, Lord Bilston revealed. Town councils help deliver services to meet local needs and improve quality of life for residents.

Members of a town council make decisions on traffic calming measures, car parks, street lighting and crime reduction measures.

Restore

Lord Bilston, former MP for Wolverhampton South East Dennis Turner, said: "This is a brand new idea. If we have a town council it gives us some freedom and will help to restore the identity of Bilston.

"We are going to sit down now and set out the finer details. We will then send the application into the Government. We hope to see things happening by July."

Black Country Memories Club and the Rotary Club of Bilston are both interested in setting up the council.

Bilston had its own council up until 1966, holding its last meeting in March that year before joining Wolverhampton. It was a controversial move.

Four deny murder of father

FOUR MEN from Wolverhampton have appeared in court to deny the murder of a businessman who was shot dead at his home.

Andrew Hill, aged 49, Darryl Dickens (33) and David Harrison (62), from Bilston, appeared via video link at Birmingham Crown Court for a short hearing along with Leigh Astbury (31), from Wolverhampton.

They each pleaded not guilty to the murder of father-of-two Richard Deakin, who was killed at his home in Meadway Street, Chasetown, in 2010.

Harrison denied two further charges of possession of a sawn-off shot gun and robbery. Fugitive John Anslow, 31, from Tipton, is also charged with the murder.

A warrant was formally issued for his arrest. Mr Deakin was lying in bed at the family home when he was shot twice in the head.

The defendants will next appear at court on June 15.

Homes plan for old village school site

A FORMER schoolhouse in Coven that has stood since the 1800s is to be transformed into luxury homes.

The classrooms, corridors and main hall of the former St Paul's Church of England School are to be converted into two unique houses. Developers want to keep as much of the original building in tact as possible, and the outside will remain largely untouched.

The building, on the corner of School Lane and Light Ash Road, dates back to 1844, when it was used as a mission church. It was used as a school from 1857 and was previously known as Brewood, Coven Church of England (Controlled) School. It has been empty since 1970, when a replacement school was built next door.

Unusual

The plans for its conversion have been approved under delegated powers by officers at South Staffordshire Council. Agent David Owen, who works for Base Architecture & Design, said the new homes would have two and three bedrooms.

"We want to keep as much of the original schoolhouse as possible," he said. "The houses will have unusual interiors and will make unique living spaces. There are tall spaces and we will be fitting a mezzanine floor. This is an important part of Coven history and it's great to see it being brought back to life."

A report to council bosses said: "Although the property is not listed, it features some very interesting brick detailing on the original central hall on the buttresses and in particular the cornice.

The old schoolhouse, Coven, is to be transformed

Wickid boss cleared of animal display charges

THE owner of an exotic animal park has told of his relief at being cleared of illegally keeping endangered species on display to members of the public.

James Wick, who runs Wickid Pets in Wolverhampton, was alleged to have kept a kestrel and Goeldi's marmoset monkey on display without having the relevant official paperwork.

by Laura Blyth

But after a one-day trial at Wolverhampton Magistrates Court Mr Wick was found not guilty. Mr Wick, aged 42, of Vicarage Road, Wednesfield, said he was "overjoyed" at the outcome but he had endured 18 months of "pure hell".

Rules

He said: "It's ridiculous that I was ever hauled before the courts. I am an expert at what I do and qualified to keep all sorts of animals. I know all the rules and regulations and always comply with them."

The charge was brought against Mr Wick after two inspectors from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) visited Wickid Pets, off Stafford Road, Dunstall, on September 18, 2010.

The court heard how Mr Wick did not have the relevant paperwork from Defra to keep the animals where the public could see them. One inspector, Phil Bellman, told the court he had seen visitors walking round the animal park.

But Mr Wick said the park was not open to the public at the time and the people Mr Bellman had seen were staff members and volunteers.

Mr Wick said: "First thing in the morning the animals are put out for exercise. But before the public come in, we put the animals away. These two animals in question were definitely not on display."

Wickid Pets manager Alice Griffiths told the court: "I'm 100 million per cent sure we were not open to the public." District Judge Michael Wheeler found Mr Wick not guilty of two charges of the prohibited displaying of endangered species to the public.

DJ Pep in tribute to the 'darling' of dance scene

A BLACK COUNTRY dancing queen who was the "darling" of legendary soul music clubs in the region, has died after an 18-month battle against cancer.

Helen Pereira's husband, Ian, a disc jockey nicknamed Pep, describing her as "queen of the go-go" and his "beloved wife and soulmate of 40 years", has paid a moving tribute to her. Helen died in hospital in Aberystwyth, aged 58.

She was a fan of northern soul in its heyday of the late 1960s and early 1970s and was later "soul mother" to a new generation of fans after she and Pep opened the Downtown record shops in Lichfield Street, Wolverhampton.

By George! What a red letter day

Art fun for three Happy Tots. They are (from left) Eilidh Bowyer, Havana Palmay and Alexandra Dufty, all aged two

ALL ages and all parts of the region have been celebrating St George's Day.

Streets across the Black Country and Staffordshire were emblazoned with red and white as tens of thousands of people took part in St George's Day parades.

And even the young ones at Happy Tots Nursery in Wolverhampton were doing their bit.

All children and staff at the nursery in Avenue Road, Compton wore red and white outfits and made flags and baked biscuits decorated in the colours of St George.

And across the city houses hung flags from windows, people donned fancy dress and patriotic songs were blasted into the streets as marches took place across the region.

There were parades, brass band performances, medieval banquets and organ recitals taking place in the city.

Marched

Brass bands marched through the city centre over the weekend. Face painting and music from organist Steve Tovey were also on the agenda.

Meanwhile, residents and staff at Sunrise residential home in Tettenhall were enjoying a medieval banquet featuring traditional food and pre-renaissance music.

A parade was also held in West Bromwich where it kicked off in Westminster Road against a backdrop of the national anthem and the sound of vuvuzelas.

A red and white flag was flying atop the 11th century Dudley Castle which is within the grounds of Dudley Zoo.

And bells were ringing out to celebrate St George's Day at Rushall Parish Church in Walsall.

NEWS in brief

Housing plan for derelict city pub site

A DERELICT pub in Wolverhampton that has been a magnet for metal thieves and vandals is to be demolished and transformed into new homes and an apartment block.

Despite its asking price being slashed from £180,000 to £125,000, there had been no interest in The Iron Master in Bradley.

The Wesley Street pub closed in 2010 and since then it has been vandalised. Neighbours have complained it is an eyesore.

Developers Parkes Construction plan to build four two and one-bedroom flats in an apartment block and four two and three-bedroom houses.

Families' chance to air concerns

PEOPLE living or working in the Ettingshall, Parkfields and All Saints areas of Wolverhampton can meet with police and council representatives to voice any concerns at the next Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meeting.

It will be held on Tuesday, May 1 at Ettingshall Memorial Hall in George Street, Ettingshall, starting at 6.30pm.

Deadline date for mast comments

RESIDENTS have until next Friday (4), to comment on plans for two mobile phone masts in Wolverhamtpon.

Plans for a 57ft phone mast in Tettenhall Green, near the junction of Wergs Road and Wrottesley Road, have been submitted to Wolverhamtpon City Council. Another is planned by the Wergs Garage in Wergs Road.

Tettenhall Conservative councillor Barry Findlay is objecting to both.

Minister back – as an actor

A METHODIST minister is returning to Wolverhampton in a new role – as an actor.

The Rev Phil Summers has previously been in charge of Springdale, Wombourne and Gospel Ash churches.

Now the artistic director of Applecart is appearing in I Am Mark at the city's Arena Theatre on May 19. Details on 01902 321321.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

THE irritatingly hunky and handsome Daniel Craig says in the next Bond film he will be swapping his trademark Martini for lager. Oh, please let it be shaken.

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ABDEL Hakim Belhadj, once a rebel against Gaddafi but now a senior military commander in Libya, is taking legal action personally against Jack Straw to find out if Straw signed papers allowing him to be handed over for torture. But Straw was merely home secretary at the time.

His boss was Tony Blair. Is this the beginning of a process which will finally bring Blair to account? Or will it once again be impossible to make any mud stick to "Teflon Tone"?

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TIPS for a particularly wet drought. If the hosepipe ban is introduced, do not put your hose away. You may need it to pump out the cellar.

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IN THE days when the Olympic Games were about more than turning athletes into advertising placards, there were categories to find the world's best writers, poets, sculptors and even town planners. This reflected the belief that mankind may excel in more things than running, jumping or beach volleyball.

There are hints that the London Olympics this summer may feature some innovative events. After the 2011 riots, the St Paul's tent city and the Boat Race disruption, it is reckoned that Britain now has some of the most successful protesters in the world. Activists are threatening to block the traffic lanes reserved for sponsors and VIPs. They boast of making the Games "unworkable." Freestyle urban disruption: I bet it's a damn sight more interesting than the dressage.

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OUR changing language. Debauchery (traditional meaning) = "excessive intemperance, habitual lewdness". Debauchery (modern meaning, as applied by outraged headline writers to Simon Cowell) = 52-year-old multi-millionaire bachelor having girlfriends. They are consenting adults. Get over it.

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A QUARTER of motorists aged 17 to 24 admit using smartphones to read emails or use social-networking sites while driving, according to RAC figures. This proves that many smartphones are considerably smarter than their owners. Driving with a smartphone is like having a copper's nark in the passenger seat.

The moment the police stop you and pick up your phone it will grass you up, telling them where and when you used the phone, who you called and how long you were online. Smartphones may be smart but they are not loyal.

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INCIDENTALLY, loyalty cards are not loyal either.

THERE was a wonderful moment in Twenty-Twelve (BBC2) when Graham, Head of Infrastructure (Karl Theobald) is explaining the average time spent by athletes in urinals to Nick, Head of Contracts (Vincent Franklin) and informs him that "tinkle time" is a recognised term in the sanitary world. "I'm not from the sanitary world," growls Nick. "I'm from Yorkshire."

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Cash saving as guest list for Mayor's dinner is cut

AN annual dinner to celebrate the incoming Mayor of Wolverhampton has been scaled back due to funding cuts.

Around 46 places have been cut from the dinner that takes place at the Civic Hall on May 16, saving around £1,500. This year 234 people have been invited to the dinner compared with around 280 in recent years.

It comes as Wolverhampton City Council is making £21 million of cuts over the next financial year and has threatened to axe 150 jobs in order to reduce its spending. The annual dinner follows a meeting in the Wulfrun Hall in which the ceremonial mayor of Wolverhampton is invested along with the following year's deputy mayor.

The current mayor is Labour councillor Bert Turner and the annual position is due to go to the current deputy mayor, Conservative councillor Paddy Bradley, as long as she retains her seat representing the Penn ward in the elections on May 3.

Councillor Bradley said: "A lot of things need to be drawn in when it comes to cost. I understand that the main saving is by no longer inviting people who receive invites year on year but do not attend."

Simon Warren, chief executive of Wolverhampton City Council, said: "The dinner held after the annual council meeting is an historic event which recognises the citizens who have contributed to city life – including the voluntary and charity sector – as well as celebrating the election of a new mayor. As with all areas of expenditure, we have looked at how the cost can be reduced."

200 work experience places up for grabs

MORE than 200 work experience placements with employers including New Cross Hospital, Marstons and Beacon Centre for the Blind have gone up for grabs in Wolverhampton.

A booklet outlining all of the opportunities was being delivered to thousands of homes across the city. The placements are on offer to young people aged between 18-24.

It is hoped that some of the placements will lead to permanent positions.

Local businesses, the chamber of commerce and Wolverhampton South East MP Pat McFadden worked together on the project in answer to the city's crippling youth unemployment levels.

Mr McFadden said: "This is something I am passionate about doing. I'm very grateful to all the employers for giving people a chance.

"I know it's not the same as a full-time paid job but it can help give unemployed young people a chance.

Highest

"This is a voluntary scheme, made in Wolverhampton for young people in Wolverhampton. "

Around 12,310 people in Wolverhampton – 8.1 per cent of the working age population – are claiming Jobseekers' Allowance.

Wolverhampton South East is the 14th highest for unemployment out of 650 constituencies across the UK. And unemployment among 18 to 24-year-olds in the city is nearly twice the national average.

The Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS Trust is offering the most work experience spots, with 100 up for grabs in areas including healthcare assistance, potering, IT and finance.

Radio station Kic FM is offering 50 places and The Haven Refuge 10. Others include the Citizens Advice Bureau, South Wolverhampton & Bilston Academy, Bilston's Robin 2 and Patshull Park Hotel.

Tesco allay fears over go-ahead of giant shop

FEARS that the building of a giant new Tesco store in Wolverhampton could be halted have been discounted by the retail giant.

A change in strategy was due to be announced by Tesco chief executive Philip Clarke which would see them scaling back larger developments in favour of concentrating on their smaller stores.

The firm has been given the go-ahead to build a £60m flagship store at the Royal Hospital site in Wolverhampton.

Tesco's communications manager Jonathan Simpson said Tesco was committed to go ahead with schemes for which it had planning consent including the Wolverhampton store.

"It is a very important scheme and one on which we have been working for a number of years. It is also really important for the regeneration of the All Saints area. We hope to be on site and start building very soon," he said.

Mr Clarke is expected to announce a hold on all plans for new superstores of more than 25,000sq ft for the next three years although there are still store openings in the pipeline.

Sitting pretty for homeless aid

Manager Sam Bailey, co-ordinator Craig Purchase, operations director Jo Summers and volunteer Barry Boyden launch the furniture recycle service

CHARITY bosses have launched a new furniture recycling scheme that will give former homeless people a vital boost on the road to independence.

Wolverhampton organisation P3 staged a sponsored sleep-out at the city's Civic Hall and raised £36,000.

That money has now been used to launch a scheme that will enable the charity to provide people who have recently secured a property with items of furniture at discounted prices.

The cash has also helped to pay for a removal van and facilities where unwanted items can be restored. The scheme officially launched at P3's hostel in Thornley Street.

New petrol station at store set for refurb

A NEW petrol station has opened at Sainsbury's in Wednesfield as part of a wider project of improvements at the store.

The station replaces the existing one at the store in Rookery Street. It has been moved to improve access and traffic flow.

The opening marks the first phase of wider improvements planned at the site. Work is due to begin to extend the store's car park to create an extra 74 spaces. The car park plans also include more space for cyclists, a revamped entrance lobby and new trees and landscaping.

Delayed

Building work on the petrol station started three months ago. Other developments lined up at the branch in Rookery Street include the creation of a 21,600 sq ft extension to the store itself, and a new customer cafe – all of which will see the creation of up to 80 new jobs.

However bosses recently revealed that the expansion had been delayed.

The company explained that, while it was still committed to the work, the timescale of the scheme had been put under review to "minimise disruption" for shoppers.

City student is accused of murder

A UNIVERSITY of Wolverhampton student has been remanded in custody accused of murdering a 22-year-old woman in Sandwell.

There was no application for bail when Daniel Jones, aged 26, of Grace Road, Tipton appeared at Wolverhampton Crown Court for a preliminary hearing.

The body of Korean national Da In Lee was found in a flat in Grace Road on April 8. A post mortem examination suggested that she had died from asphyxiation but further tests were due to take place.

Ms Lee was studying international relations and sociology at Aston University. Relatives flew to the UK from Korea to attend the hearing. Jones was remanded in custody until July 5 when he is scheduled to enter a plea.

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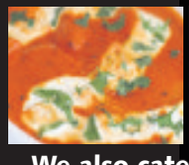

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Gallons of water lost daily

SEVERN TRENT is losing enough water to fill more than 83,000 Olympic-sized swimming pools due to burst and cracked pipes in the West Midlands in a single year.

Severn Trent Water is now being monitored after failing to hit targets – and could could even face a fine if water continues to be lost at such a rate.

The figures are revealed just after a drought was declared in the West Midlands and Staffordshire and householders told to use water sparingly.

The latest figures from watchdog Ofwat show that in 2010/2011, Severn Trent Water lost 497 mega litres every day – the equivalent of 109 million gallons. It is enough to fill 72,562 average Olympic swimming pools in a year.

Combined

South Staffordshire Water's daily leakage was was some 73 mega litres, just under its target of 74. That is enough water to fill 83,000 pools if combined with Severn Trent.

Ofwat spokesman Benedict Fisher said Severn Trent Water was being monitored after it exceeded the 2010/2011 average daily leakage target set by Ofwat of 483 mega litres. Severn Trent insists it will meet its targets this year.

"It does sound like a lot of water – especially as the area is now in drought," said Mr Fisher. "But it has to be balanced against the fact leakage has reduced significantly since the 1990s."

Firm designs memorial to 1,000 miners

A NEW mining memorial designed by a firm of Wolverhampton architects has been officially unveiled.

The memorial in Tamworth bears the names of more than 1,000 people who worked in the industry and is at the entrance to Birch Coppice Business Park in Tamworth – the site of the mine that closed after a century in 1987.

Former miners and local dignitaries attended the opening of the monument designed by Tweedale Ltd.

The names have been engraved into a brick wall surrounding a 10ft high monument crowned with a replica of the famous Davy lamp.

Jubilee weekend trains to be cancelled

TRAIN services in Wolverhampton will be cancelled and replaced with buses over the Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend, passengers have been warned.

A major project to replace all of the track through Penkridge is taking place, affecting Arriva, CrossCountry, Virgin and London Midland services.

Replacement buses will be brought in to link Wolverhampton and Birmingham to the south and Stafford and Stoke-on-Trent to the north.

Passengers have been warned the work will add an extra 90 minutes to journey times for the thousands of people expected to be travelling down to London for the Jubilee celebrations. Services calling at Manchester, Southampton and parts of Wales will also feel the effect of the works.

Network Rail spokesman Keith Lumley said repairs were usually carried out on holiday weekends because it caused the least disruption to passengers.

Pledge

"Rather than break it down over separate weekends, we prefer to get the work done in one big hit," he said. "This is effectively our only opportunity to get this work done before the Olympics and Paralympics.

"We have made a pledge that no work will take place during the Games, which means nothing for July, August and September."

The Penkridge work will begin at 10.40pm on June 3 and is due to finish at 4pm the following day.

Further work to repack the stones around the track at Stafford will also add to the disruption.

All of the repairs are taking place on the West Coast Mainline.

● Signalling problems at Wolverhampton caused delays of up to 20 minutes today. Commuters travelling between the city and Birmingham New Street were affected between 6 and 7am.

Jail for gang member in fatal shooting of friend

A GANG member who accidentally shot and killed his teenage friend while planning a revenge attack on a rival Wolverhampton crew is behind bars after being jailed for 12 years.

Father-of-two Nathan Hamilton, a member of Wolverhampton's Park Village Crew, was holding the gun that blasted 17-year-old Raheem Hines-Thomas in the chest. The teenager was shot, in what High Court Judge Mr Justice MacDuff ruled. was a meeting of gang members.

They intended to take revenge for an attack on Hamilton's younger brother earlier that day by the rival Firetown Crew. Hamilton had been sitting opposite the victim in the bedroom of the teenager's Park Village home when the gun went off.

Killer Nathan Hamilton

Raheem Hines-Thomas

Hamilton, of Elmhurst Court, Wednesbury, had admitted holding the gun when it went off but claimed he had not realised it was a gun until after the fatal shot had been fired.

Sentencing 29-year-old Hamilton at Stafford Crown Court, Mr Justice MacDuff told him: "You are a member of the Park Village Crew, a gang which uses violence and guns.

Rejected

"I am satisfied that had this gun not gone off when it did, in that bedroom, it would have been discharged shortly afterwards in the street, aimed at a member of a rival gang."

Hamilton was convicted of manslaughter by a jury last month but acquitted of possessing the firearm with intent to endanger life.

The judge said he rejected Hamilton's claims that he was not a member of the gang.

Mr Hines-Thomas was taken by car to New Cross Hospital after being shot on March 19 last year, where he was certified dead.

Mr John Cooper QC, defending, said Royal Mail worker Hamilton had no previous convictions and was "like family" to the teenager.

Petrol station closed after pump smoking

A PETROL station in Wolverhampton had to be closed for an hour last week after customers' rush for fuel ended up with one of the pumps smoking.

The frequent use of one of the diesel pumps at Apple Green filling station in Fallings Park caused a fault on a pulley and it started to smoke.

Firefighters from Merridale Street were called to the scene. The Cannock Road station was closed for an hour while they worked to fix the problem.

Watch Commander Tony Bucknall said: "They have been really busy over the past few days as people rush for fuel. The pump was running dry and there was a fault on the pulley. It heated up and started to smoke. We isolated the pump and shut the station while we worked."

The petrol station reopened after an hour.

Gardens idea a real purler

Kate Andrews, cultural promotions officer for Wolverhampton Art Gallery and artist Rachael Gwilliam, known as Artyarn, with the knitted creations in St Peter's Gardens

A PARK has been transformed into a woolly wonderland with knitted owls and seagulls taking to the trees and benches kept warm with specially-designed "bench socks".

The colourful new creations, which include doilies to adorn the top of posts and pillars, have been positioned around St Peter's Gardens in Lichfield Street, Wolverhampton, as part of an art project called Park Your Yarn.

Weather permitting, organisers hope the knitted decorations will be in place until the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations in June.

The project was led by textiles and wool designer Sara Fowles, who knitted the woolly jumper which kept the Bull at Birmingham's Bull Ring warm through the winter.

Staff from Wolverhampton Art Gallery and members of the public were invited to get involved by knitting squares.

News in brief

Still places for charity swim

PLACES are still available for swimmers who want to take the plunge for charity at a fundraising swimathon in Bilston.

The Bert Williams Leisure Centre in Bilston is hosting sessions for the Marie Curie Cancer Care Swimathon or the Big Splash Mile in aid of Sport Relief on Sunday (29).

People can swim either 2.5km or 5km on their own or 5km in a team for Marie Curie, or a milefor Sport Relief. The sessions will be held at 2pm and 4.30pm. Calling the centre on 01902 552430 or by visiting: www.swimathon.org.

Gym manager to head second site

THE manager of Wolverhampton's first Pure Gym will head up the company's second site in the city, due to open next month.

Stephen Clarke opened the first Pure Gym in Wolverhampton, on Bentley Bridge Park, in October 2009.

He has now been named as gym manager of the new site, in Birmingham road, diue to open its doors on May 24.

He said: "I've really enjoyed the challenges involved in running a successful branch."

Choir in search to add members

A POPULAR choir, which is seeking new members, is due to perform at Christ Church, Tettenhall on Saturday, May 19.

The Cannock Chase Orpheus Male Choir was formed from the collaboration of a number of local miners' choirs more than 50 years ago.

Tickets are £8 or £5 from Clive (01902 759752) or Phil (07736 197226).

For details about joining the choir, call Brian on 01922 410209, musical director Alan Jones on 01922 412094 or visit www.chaseorpheus.co.uk

Fire at flat after eggs left boiling

A FLAT in Wolverhampton was badly smoke-logged after its owner went out while boiling eggs.

The pan boiled over causing smoke in the flat in Lea Road, Penn. The resident, a man in his 30s, returned to find firefighters breaking in shortly after 4.30am.

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Jail for man who sold stolen car to scrapyard

A MAN who sold a stolen car for less than half its value to a Wolverhampton scrap dealer has been jailed for a year.

The one-year old Nissan Navara, worth £19,000, was stolen from Wrottesley Road, Tettenhall, while its owner worked nearby, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard last week.

The court heard how a thief escaped with the car after the ignition key had been taken from his rucksack in October 2010.

Paul Reid, prosecuting, said that around three weeks later the 4x4 truck was driven into the yard of Wolverhampton Metal Recycling, in Old Heath Road, Heath Town, on false plates by John Williams.

He said the car was bought for £9,250 cash by the boss Malcolm Bridgewood whose son James drove Williams, aged 23, home to Pensnett.

Signed

Williams wrote his mobile phone number on a receipt and signed it under the false name of J Baker before giving the piece of paper to Mr Bridgewood who later discovered that the Nissan had been stolen.

The chassis number of the vehicle had been removed but it was traced back to its original owner although the scrap firm boss remained £9,250 out of pocket, the court heard.

Mr Tarlowchan Dubb, defending, said Williams had nothing to do with changes to the identity of the vehicle.

"This was an ill thought out offence," Mr Dubb added.

Williams, of Rowley Park, Pensnett, admitted handling stolen goods and was jailed for 12 months by Judge Nicholas Webb.

Fox finally bites the dust

Demolition work starts at the landmark Fox Hotel in Wolverhampton

BEING chipped away piece by piece – these pictures show how one of Wolverhampton's most notorious eyesores will soon be no more.

A landmark for all the wrong reasons, the Fox Hotel will soon disappear from the city's skyline after bulldozers started the long-awaited demolition. Workers have spent the last few weeks dismantling the interior.

Asbestos has also been removed from the building. But work to completely knock down the former hotel on the city's ring road has started.

When the project is finished, the site will be turned into a 40-space temporary car park. The demolition is costing around £400,000. A R Demolition has seven workers on site who have been there for the past four weeks.

Site manager Iain Bateman said: "We have a 36-ton high reach Volvo that has started demolishing the building. We are hoping the concrete planks will come away whole."

The Fox was acquired by Wolverhampton City Council last year with the aim of knocking it down and marketing the land. The decision of the council to buy the hotel was taken after talks to replace it with a £15m Hilton hotel stalled.

Plans for tennis club go on show

DETAILED plans of how Wolves' £50 million Compton Park development will impact on a nearby tennis club have gone on show.

Under the plans for a new world-class training ground for the club, Linden Lea Tennis Club will be moved from its existing location onto the academy site and will be given a new clubhouse and three new tennis courts.

The club's existing tennis courts will be handed to St Edmund's School.

The move – which will also mean floodlit courts and a separate club entrance with car parking – will allow the club to take on 20 new members.

Derelict

"I think, once it is completed, everyone will be very satisifed with the new arrangements," said chairman Alan Hughes. "It is a very exciting time for the club."

Two open days have been held.

Linden Lea Tennis Club was founded in 1934, and in 1989 it took on three derelict courts and land for a clubhouse from the University of Wolverhampton. The courts were subsequently developed with a new clubhouse .

The new clubhouse will be build to the side of the planned Wolves Academy.

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Council 'missed the boat' on homes cash

MILLIONS of pounds of funding for new homes in Wolverhampton was not bid for because council bosses "missed the boat", it is claimed.

The chairman of a review into the state of housing in the city has blamed Wolverhampton City Council for focusing on a shake-up of its own management rather than on receiving new funding.

Conservative councillor John Pask said the authority should have applied for funding from the Government a year ago. Neighbouring Sandwell Council did so and received almost £10 million. The cash was spent on providing a kickstart for private housing projects.

Secured

Labour-controlled Wolverhampton City Council has said it wants to build hundreds of new council homes.

But Councillor Pask said: "Developers were asking for this money early in 2011. But the senior management review was going on at the time and Wolverhampton seems to have missed the boat. They now intend to build new council homes but they don't have the money. "

Nick Edwards, Wolverhampton City Council's assistant director for regeneration, said: "Partners have secured grant funding through the programme that will see 180 affordable new units built across the city during the next two years."

Focus on charity goal

Wolves' official club photographer Sam Bagnall warms up for the charity ride supported by players Matt Jarvis and Karl Henry

WOLVES' official club photographer is gearing up to ride 131 miles across the English countryside to raise money for charity.

Sam Bagnall, aged 34, from Telford, is aiming to set off from Molineux and cycle non-stop for eight hours, arriving at the Liberty Stadium, Swansea, in time to catch the fixture between Swansea and Wolves on Saturday (28). He hopes to raise more than £1,000.

He has chosen Brain Tumour UK as his friend Andy Foote has campaigned for the cause since losing his nine-year-old son Joseph, who was diagnosed with the disease aged two.

To donate visit **www.justgiving.com/sambagnallphoto**

Serving up cash aid

VILLAGERS in Pattingham have been given £46,980 to develop and refurbish their existing tennis and netball courts.

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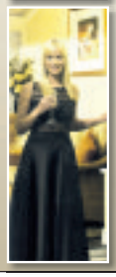
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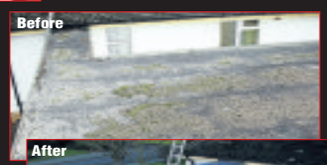

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Look long and hard at the full analysis of that fluoride and see if you had a choice whether to drink it or not? Everything we cook is in that same water with fluoride added. We can't get away from it, can we? We are told fluoride is not a medicine, yet it is in the Health and Social Care Bill. Why? And if not a medication, what exactly is it?

ANNE PALMER
Wolverhampton

Committee so grateful for Ivy aid

AFTER being with the charity since its inception over 50 years ago, our chairperson, Ivy Ross, has resigned due to ill health.

We are sure many of your readers will remember Ivy and her little dogs collecting funds for our animals nearly every week and driving around in her red van.

The committee would like to thank Ivy for her dedication and loyalty over the years and we wish her a happy 'retirement'.

EILEEN E WEBB
Secretary, Midlands Animal Rescue Team

Father was caned for telling 'lie' on Titanic

AS the world remembers the centenary of the tragic sinking of the great ship RHS Titanic, I thought that I would share a memory with you.

I recall a story that my father passed on of when he was permitted to leave School one day (The Royal Orphanage on the Penn Road, now the Royal School), to bid farewell to his aunt and uncle who were emigrating to Australia.

Upon his return from the Low Level Station to school, he noticed newspaper billboards informing the public of the demise of The Titanic, with great loss of life.

When he informed the headmaster of this fact, he was given the cane for telling lies, as the headmaster deemed this an impossibility.

School life was much tougher in those days.

JOHN BLOXHAM
Penn

LETTERS to the Editor

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BRIDGE CORNER

PLAYERS ask me how they should have reached a slam. Quite often, it is not because one hand has opened with a very powerful bid – in my experience, responders usually have rubbish. All depends on hand evaluation.

South, in this deal, opens One Spade. How does North evaluate his hand? Obviously, there is a game on in spades.

But North, with four-card support, 15 points, a good second suit and plenty of controls should be thinking 'Slam'!

If North goes straight to Four Spades, this is where the bidding dies. So North temporises with Two Hearts, knowing that South will rebid.

Although South bids a disappointing Two Spades, North is still interested and makes the ace-asking bid of Four No Trumps.

South shows an ace and that's good enough for North to march on to Six Spades.

After taking two rounds of trumps, South should lead the jack of hearts and stick with the suit until the ace appears.

With a 4-2 heart break, South needs to ruff a heart to set up a long card on which to jettison his losing club.

However, if West finds a club lead, then the contract goes down as there is no time to discard a club before the Defence lead a second one once West takes the heart ace.

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– Jenny

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West: ♠ 87 ♥ A1064 ♦ 107 ♣ 108432

East: ♠ 43 ♥ 32 ♦ QJ9532 ♣ KQ6

South: ♠ KJ952 ♥ J9 ♦ AK84 ♣ J5

Louise looks back 50 years

AT last, Codsall Cricket Club had its own cricket ground. In previous years they had played their home matches at Bilbrook secondary modern school and they they had to play away from home.

To celebrate the opening of their new ground at Wolverhampton Road, Codsall opposite the Wheel Inn, they arranged a special fixture to play the Chairman of the Village Hall and Playing Fields XI. It had been arranged for May 12 with wickets pitched at 2.30pm.

Club secretary, Mr V Buckley said: "It's going to be a nice change to have a home of our own."

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Mr F East, greenhouse man at the West Park, Wolverhampton, was not quite as happy as he would have liked to be about the flowers he was getting ready for the Queen's visit in May.

The trouble, he explained, was the uncertainty of the weather. So Mr East and his helpers were praying more than ever that the sunshine that had made Easter so good would continue so that the hydrangeas, rhododendrons, lilies and other plants and shrubs would bloom in time for May 24.

The plants were all under glass at the time and would be used to decorate the Molineux Stadium on the big day, when the Queen was to present colours to local regiments.

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Five-year-old Lynne Masefield of Elmdon Road, Wolverhampton – the girl picked to present the Queen with a bouquet of flowers on May 24 had her first session at the College of Art.

Advanced students in the dressmaking department were designing the dress made from Swiss cotton.

Department head Margaret Whitehouse of Eagle Street, said: "We had her in for measurements and so that the students could see her complexion and hair colouring."

"All the students will be doing a design for the dress, and we shall then decide which is the best and most suitable one of the lot," said Margaret.

Bob-a-job for Robert Sim (15th Wolverhampton Scout Troup) and Brian McDonough (15th Wolverhampton Cub Pack) meant bathing baby Kevin

Undeafeated! Les Oakley, skipper of Wolverhampton Markets Football Club holds the championship shield as he is held aloft

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Real ale pub for one of city's oldest buildings

Pub will serve 10 different real ales

ONE of Wolverhampton's oldest buildings is to be opened as a pub, creating up to eight jobs, after council bosses gave the plans the go ahead.

The Lichfield Chambers building in Queen Square, has parts dating back to 1500.

A total of £250,000 of refurbishment work is due to start soon after a licensing sub-committee app-roved proposals.

Conditions

Chair of the licensing committee, Councillor Bishan Dass, said: "The application was of a high standard and we were very happy to approve it. "

West Midlands Police had asked for a number of conditions to be attached to the licence. They want at least two professional door staff on duty whenever Wolves are playing a home fixture where there is a perceived risk of trouble breaking out. The committee agreed the conditions.

The plans for the three-storey premises include a bar on the ground floor with a function room on the first. Fireside Inns, part of Pensnett-based Black Country Ales, will be the company restoring the Grade II-listed building.

The front section of the building, facing Lich Gates, dates from 1726 and is early Georgian, while the timber-framed part at the rear dates from around 1500.

Lichfield Chambers was bought by Wolverhampton Council to enable it to be restored, in about 1980. It later became a business advice centre but has stood empty for a number of years.

Fireside Inns bosses say the pub will be an old-fashioned venue, aimed at a more mature market. The as-yet-unnamed pub will serve customers with around 10 different kinds of real ale.

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Wolves were the Provincial League winners in 1963

Ole Olsen and World Championship Trophy

Howard Cole riding for Wolves in 60s

Sam Ermolenko leading a race at Monmore Green

Freddie Lindgren with young Wolves fan Lewis Squires

Revived speedway team was on track for success

MEMORY LANE

by Alec Brew

A NEW speedway season is underway at Monmore Green, where Wolverhampton Wolves are striving to achieve the success of a couple of years ago when they were Elite League Champions.

Speedway first came to Wolverhampton as long ago as 1928, but only lasted until 1930, though grass track racing was always popular in the area.

The sport was revived in 1951 with the formation of the Wolverhampton Wasps, but again it only lasted a short time, folding in 1954.

A new team, the Wolves, were formed in 1961, riding at Monmore Green in the Midland League Championship, winning it in 1962, and becoming Provincial League Champions in 1963.

Apart from a couple of years the Wolves have consistently competed in the top flight of British Speedway ever since, becoming British League Champions in 1991, and Premier League winners in 1996.

They have won the current Elite League in 2002 and 2009, making them a rather more successful set of Wolves than the other team across the city at Molineux.

Honour

Two world speedway champions have ridden for the team. The great Dane, Ole Olsen, rode for the team from 1971 to 1975 and twice became world champion in that time, his fame transcending the sport. His name was often chanted at the football ground around that time. He went on to become world champion a third time after he had left Wolves, one of the greatest riders of all time.

The Californian, Sam Ermolenko, rode for Wolves for many years and became World Champion in 1993 an honour which eluded his fellow countryman, 'Rocket' Ronnie Correy, who also rode for Wolves in the 90s.

In more recent times the stars of the team have been two Swedes, the long serving, Peter Karlsson, who captained the team to the 2009 Championship, and the electric Freddie Lindgren who was top points scorer that year, and consistently ever since.

Coming to the fore recently has been the young rider from Scunthorpe, Tai Woffinden.

This season has not started as well as might have been expected but fans hope the team can still achieve the success of earlier years.

Hasse Holmqvist, a Wolves rider from the 70s

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Parts firms in overdrive thanks to JLR success

CAR parts firms across the Midlands are enjoying a boom in business thanks to the growth of Jaguar Land Rover, with the manufacturer's new i54 engine plant set to support 3,000 jobs.

JLR recorded a 49 per cent rise in worldwide sales in February, and its investment of £355 million in the West Midlands, set to create 750 jobs at its new Wolverhampton plant, is improving the prospects of hundreds of other businesses.

The boom, fuelled by the growth of markets in China and India, is being further boosted by other manufacturers, including Japanese car giant Nissan, which is building a new hatchback at its UK plant in Sunderland, creating more than 1,000 jobs.

Ongoing

Rachel Eade, supply chain specialist at the Wolverhampton-based Manufacturing Advisory Service, said: "Despite a slowdown in the number of cars being bought in the UK, we are seeing a real spike in automotive production."

Up to 1,500 companies in the region, more than half of JLR's suppliers, could benefit from the ongoing expansion. Tipton firm CAB Automotive, which makes seats and interior trim for customers including Jaguar Land Rover, has seen its workforce double.

Jubilee gem on offer

A VARIETY concert is to be performed in Perton to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Harlequin Productions will present The Crown Jewels at Perton Civic Centre, Church Road, on June 3 and 4 at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £5. To book call 01902 678242.

Gift is boom for stroke victims

Celebrating the arrival of the boom box are Wolverhampton Rotary president Richard Green, fitness instructor Katrina Sprio and Jonnah Jones, chairman of Stroke Support West Midlands

A CASH windfall has come like music to the ears of the 80 members of the Stroke Support West Midlands charity.

They received a £600 cheque from the Rotary Club of Wolverhampton which will buy them a boombox, iPod and a selection of hand weights for their Saturday meetings.

The first hour of the sessions at the Action4Independence building in Albert Road, West Park, is spent with the group being put through a gentle work out by a trainer.

The charity draws people from as far afield as Albrighton and Birmingham to the Saturday gatherings from 11am to 1pm.

Chairman Jonnah Jones said: "It offers a great opportunity for stoke survivors to get together and forget any stigma they might feel in other circumstances."

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Steel firm could face fine of £40k over workers

A BILSTON steel fabricating firm could be facing a £40,000 fine after four suspected illegal workers were discovered there during a raid.

The Indian nationals were among 13 staff quizzed when UK Border Agency officers visited Steel Security Fabrications Ltd, in Ash Street, Bradley, Bilston. One 20-year-old was a failed asylum seeker while another, aged 41, had entered the country illegally. Both will be deported in weeks.

Another man, aged 29, was held after he was found with a suspected counterfeit Indian passport. The fourth man, aged 28, was arrested after he was found with a suspected counterfeit passport. They will appear at court in July.

Paperwork

Alice Hopkins, UKBA West Midlands deputy director, said: "We will fine companies taking on foreign nationals without permission to work."

The raid took place on April 10. The firm will have to pay a £40,000 fine unless it can prove that carried out proper pre-employment checks. Jay Singh, one of the directors, said all employees were recruited with all of the adequate paperwork needed.

"We provided the information to the officer who said the UKBA did not expect employers to know the difference between fraudulent and legitimate documentation," he added.

Taking plunge for charity

SWIMMERS can take the plunge for charity at the Bert Williams Leisure Centre in Bilston which is hosting sessions for the Marie Curie Cancer Care Swimathon or Big Splash Mile in aid of Sport Relief on Sunday (29).

Star backing for Botham

Sir Ian Botham with Geoff Thomas and Gordon Cowans on the walk

TWO former Wolves stars joined cricket legend Sir Ian Botham when his latest charity walk brought him to the Midlands.

Ex-England player and Molineux midfielder Geoff Thomas and Gordon Cowans, now a coach with Aston Villa, met Sir Ian as part of his 10-day Great British Walk.

He is raising money for blood cancer charity Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research. Thomas, who has himself beaten the illness, said he had wanted to support Sir Ian and all of the other fundraisers who had turned out to take part.

Villa first team coach Cowans added he wanted to raise awareness of the plight of Villa's skipper Stiliyan Petrov who was diagnosed with acute leukaemia last month.

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334 people evicted from their homes in 12 months

MORE than 330 people, over a third from Wolverhampton, have been evicted from their council or housing association homes in the Black Country and Staffordshire in the last 12 months.

A total of £147,931 – largely from the taxpayers' pocket – has been spent to move them out. Anti-social behaviour and rent arrears have been named as the main reasons for evicting the 334 people.

Wolverhampton Homes, which manages properties owned by the city council, evicted 113 tenants at a cost of £35,494. More than 100 people were thrown out for rent arrears, and the others for anti-social behaviour, with one person simply abandoning their home.

The most money spent on one individual case was £4,456 in relation to anti-social behaviour.

Cruelty

Dudley Council evicted 115 tenants in the past year at a cost of £36,885.

Meanwhile Walsall Housing Group evicted 75 tenants, with it costing £23,345.

Sandwell Homes had to evict 12 people, five for criminal behaviour, and the others for animal cruelty or noise nuisance.

Meanwhile, South Staffordshire Housing Association, a registered housing provider independent from the council, was forced to evict 19 people, either for rent arrears or anti-social behaviour.

Charity shop appeal

DONATIONS are desperately being sought by a Bilston-based animal charity.

Toys, games and ladies' shoes and handbags, plus clothes, are among the items in demand at the town's PDSA store in Church Street.

Store manager Lorna Williams said: "We also need home furnishings such as vases, pictures and ornaments."

Hoping to be Envy of all

Envy – Mikey Bromley, Juliette Mills and Charlie Carter

A NEWLY-FORMED Black Country band have set their sights on becoming the envy of young music hopefuls across the West Midlands.

Envy have already performed on stage alongside X Factor stars Alexandra Burke and Joe McElderry, as well as dance group Booty Luv in a festival in Brighton.

And their debut single, Entice You, written by members of the group, is already gaining popularity on the region's radio stations, even before its official launch, planned for June.

The all-vocal band consists of Mikey Bromley, aged 24, of Bushbury, Charlie Carter (25), from Aldridge and Juliette Mills (23) who lives near Dudley's Merry Hill centre. Envy have set off on a tour. Visit **www.envyofficial.co.uk**

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Question of helping out Mayor's charities

GENERAL knowledge buffs can put their skills to the test tonight (Thurs) with a fundraising quiz in aid of the Mayor of Wolverhampton's chosen charities.

Teams of five can sign up for the event at the ECC Sports & Social Club in Showell Road, Wolverhampton from 7pm.

The Mayor, Councillor Bert Turner, said: "This is a chance to pit your wits against other quiz fans from around the city, and, hopefully, to raise hundreds of pounds."

Tickets are £20 per team. Proceeds will go to Compton Hospice, Wolverhampton branch of the Alzheimer's Society and the Acute Medical Ward for Dementia at New Cross Hospital.

Work on link road for M54 may start as early as 2018

WORK on a congestion-busting link road between the M54 near Wolverhampton and M6 could begin as early as 2018, it has been revealed.

A cross-party group of MPs, councillors and officers met with minister Mike Penning MP last week to discuss a possible link from the M54 to the M6 north and M6 Toll.

As a result, Mr Penning, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport, said a public consultation could start in 2015. Work on the £300 million scheme would begin in 2018/19. The link road is proposed to ease congestion on the A460 and boost business links between Staffordshire, the Black Country and Shropshire.

Positive

"We received a very positive response from the Transport Minister," Wrekin MP Mark Pritchard said.

"This will be a large project which will have considerable investment and job creation benefits. If it does go ahead, a public consultation will start in 2015 with a possible start date for construction works in 2018/19.

"We've called on Shropshire Council and Telford & Wrekin Council to set up a strategic M54 working group which would be cross party and involve the local enterprise partnership, Shropshire Chamber of Trade and local stakeholders like the large businesses."

Mr Penning is conducting a review of major projects looking for funding. He said the multi-million pound link scheme was one of four considered for funding.

Student is sworn in as Special

THE University of Wolverhampton played host to a ceremony with a difference when one of its students swore allegiance to the crown to become a police special constable.

BSc Policing undergraduate, Rebecca Edwards, took part in the attestation ceremony at the university's Millennium Centre in front of fellow students.

Training

The formal ceremony is conducted after initial training to swear specials into office and Ms Edwards has now started shifts for West Midlands Police, based in Stourbridge.

Ms Edwards, aged 22, is from Kingswinford.

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New director aims to boost city fortunes

A DIRECTOR has been appointed by the city council to improve the centre of Wolverhampton by setting up a business improvement district similar to the one that looks after Broad Street in Birmingham.

Full-time director Michelle Baker has now been recruited for 18 months. She has joined city centre company WV One to work to persuade traders to pay a fee towards the management of the city centre, extra cleaning and marketing.

But if more than 50 per cent do not want it, it cannot go ahead. The 18-month consultation will cost £190,000.

More than a quarter of the city centre's shops are empty but the city received a boost with news that the indoor market made £89,000 more last year than bosses had expected. Ms Baker will work closely with businesses to find out what services over and above the ones provided by the city council are needed to improve trading.

Temporary buildings up at blaze-hit Carvers site

TEMPORARY buildings to replace the fire-ravaged warehouse at Wolverhampton's Carvers Building Supplies have begun to be installed.

The buildings are expected to be operational within the next few weeks while a planning application to replace the ones destroyed in the fire is expected to be lodged with Wolverhampton City Council in around two weeks.

The Carvers warehouse in Littles Lane was reduced to rubble in the devastating blaze in February.

Managing director Henry Carver said work to get the company back to full strength was taking place "at the speed of light".

Demolish

Wolverhampton-based McAuliffe Group has begun work to demolish the warehouse, offices and showrooms and it should be complete in four weeks.

Many of the 200 staff employed by the company are working from its other premises, a timber merchants in Neachells Lane, Wednesfield.

Littles Lane is still being used for delivery lorries and the liquid petroleum gas business is trading as normal.

McAuliffe's won the demolition contract after Mr Carver insisted insurers allow businesses in Wolverhampton to bid for the work.

Knockout way to aid city hospice

A BIG summer fun day in the style of 70s challenge game show It's a Knockout is due to be held in Wolverhampton to help raise funds for Compton Hospice.

Based on the popular show, challenges will include people being strapped into a human table football game with team mates, a word search in a foam pit and an inflatable assault course.

Display

The event, organised as part of the Compton in the Park event at West Park on June 24, will also feature live bands and entertainment ranging from cheerleaders to dog display teams and street dancing.

Fundraising coordinator Simon Cater said teams of eight were needed, with each member raising a minimum of £60 each in sponsorship to take part.

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Alert as deadline on funds bid nears

COMMUNITY and voluntary groups in part of Wolverhampton have just weeks left to bid for cash from a special fund.

Only a handful of applications have so far been made for a slice of the funding. And if some of this year's funding is not allocated, it could be lost, groups have been warned.

The Communities First Fund is available to groups in the Ettingshall and East Park areas. In the first year of the four-year programme, the Communities First fund has £5,455 to allocate in East Park and £8,182 in Ettingshall. Groups can bid for between £250 and £2,500 each year until 2015 to be spent on projects and activities in the area.

The funding is part of £30m available nationally to fund community projects by the Community Development Foundation in areas that showdeprivation.

This is a match-funded programme, so every £1 provided must be matched by a similar amount of in-kind donations such as cash, services, free products or volunteer time. Forms are available from 01902 55178.

Firefighter out jogging attacked by a Rottweiler

AN off-duty firefighter was savagely attacked by a Rottweiler dog while he was out jogging, a court was told. The animal sank its teeth into the arm of Nicholas McMahon. Wolverhampton Magistrates Court was told that 33-year-old Mr McMahon grappled with the dog when it struck on the Penn Road, near to Copthorne Road in Penn Fields, in January.

But the animal gripped his arm for up to 10 seconds before running off with Ketan Rattan, who was in charge of looking after it. The 18-year-old last week admitted allowing the dog to be dangerous and out of control in a public place.

Prosecutor Mr Roger Bleazard told the hearing: "Mr McMahon was out jogging. He was going down Copthorne Road and as he got to the junction, saw the defendant six feet away with a large dog. The dog then jumped at him."

Mr Bleazard read a statement from Mr McMahon, in which he claimed Rattan did not try to help get the dog off him and that when the animal let go, it ran away with the defendant.

The court heard Rattan, of Penn Road, disappeared into a nearby house and that his father, the owner of the animal, came out and called for an ambulance.

Closer

Mr David Bryce, for Rattan, said his client did not accept that the dog was not on a lead.

He said: "They were much closer than six feet and Mr McMahon put his arm out and the dog reacted instinctively."

Dog experts from West Midlands Police will carry out an assessment of the dog before a decision is made on whether it will be destroyed.

Sentencing Rattan was adjourned until May 1.

Bridal flower class aims to make skills blossom

A SHORT course for anyone interested in learning how to design flower arrangements for Sikh, Hindi and Muslim weddings will launch in Wolverhampton next month.

The five-week Asian Bridal Flowers series of workshops at the City of Wolverhampton College will teach budding florists the traditional marriage ceremony flowers for each of the three religions.

Garlands

These include wedding garlands and bridal bouquets in a simple hand-tied design. Students on the course will also learn about intricate bead work and discuss ideas for Mandap decoration.

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Plans to rebuild fire-hit school set for approval

MULTI-MILLION pound plans to rebuild a fire-ravaged school in Wolverhampton are set to be approved by council bosses.

Wilkinson Primary in Bilston was gutted in October 2010, but proposals for an £8.2 million new building have been drawn up.

If the plans are approved as expected this week, school bosses hope to start building work in the summer ready to open to pupils in September 2013.

It will be a two-storey building with classrooms and group rooms clustered around shared, central activity hubs.

Council schools chief Councillor Phil Page said he was looking forward to work getting under way.

Standards

The new school will accommodate an extra 105 places as part of the council's efforts to cope with a baby boom in the city. Wolverhampton's planning committee was due to meet this week and the plans have been recommended for approval.

The school will be the latest to be built to Passivhaus standards, which reduces the amount of energy and heating needed through the design of the building.

Since the fire, the school's 347 pupils have been using 16 mobile buildings installed on the site.

They have played an active part in the redevelopment designs of their school, and helped raise around £20,000 towards the cost by holding events including a table top sale.

Following the fire two teenagers were arrested but released without charge. Police have now closed the investigation.

Table top sale at church

A TABLE top sale is due to be held in Essington Methodist Church, in Bursnips Road, Essington on Saturday (28) from 10am-12pm. Entry is free.

Win a high note for Nicole

Nicole Appleby, winner of the Midlands Got Talent competition

A 15-YEAR-OLD Wolverhampton singing sensation who won the Midlands Got Talent competition at Netherton's Champions Church is now recording her debut CD.

Nicole Appleby fought off competition from more than 100 other hopefuls to win time with production company Raindance Music Ltd, based at Amblecote Christian Centre in Brettell Lane, Stourbridge.

Her interpretation of the Fontella Bass 60s' soul classic 'Rescue Me' dazzled the judges at the annual charity fundraiser, modelled on television's Britain's Got Talent. The teenager is now hoping to impress music scouts with her covers compilation album as she plans a career in performing arts.

Nicole, of Low Hill Crescent, Low Hill and a pupil at the city's North East Academy, admits she was stunned by her success in the competition last December.

"I still can't believe I won. The standard was really high," said Nicole, who attends her local Caroline Lewis Performing Arts School twice a week to study dance, regularly sings with The Grand Theatre's Glee Group in Wolverhampton and is a member of a competition street dance crew.

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Phase two starting on historic factory revamp

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The start of this phase of work at Clifford Works Ltd in Bow Street follows a revamp of the firm's smaller forge building and equipment upgrades.

The scheme, which is expected to safeguard jobs and create up to eight new roles to add to a workforce of 48, is expected to be complete by September.

Scarred soldier Matt in vow to serve on the front line

A DETERMINED Wolverhampton soldier is heading for the front line after an alarming brush with death when his jugular vein was accidentally "nicked" during a hospital operation.

The incident put Matt Lambah out of action at a key moment in his training and cost the 26-year-old the chance of serving with comrades in Afghanistan.

But the private from the 3rd Battalion of the Mercian Regiment (3Mercian) is intent on being fighting fit again in time for their next tour of duty in trouble-torn Helmand Province. The former pupil of St Edmunds School, Compton, was on a six-month infantry training course at the Catterick army base in Yorkshire when he fell ill.

Pte Matt Lambah

Pte Lambah, whose family live in Penn said: "It started with a sore throat and then I had difficulty swallowing. The doctors thought that I had an abscess and decided to conduct an exploratory operation.

Training

"I was taken to hospital in Darlington and woke up in a bad way after the surgery. They said that there had been complications during the procedure and my jugular vein had been nicked.

"I feared for my life and felt that my military career had literally been cut short. I had expected to be in and out of hospital in no time but ended up being detained for 14 days and scarred for life. I got a six inch scar down my throat."

He said: "I am determined to be involved in our next Afghanistan tour." He is set to go to Canada on a training exercise with 3Mercian before beginning pre-deployment training prior to a tour of duty in Afghanistan.

School sale to boost church

A TABLE top sale near Wombourne will help raise money for a church near Stourbridge.

It will be held at St John's CE Primary School in Wombourne Road, Swindon on Saturday (28).

There will be stalls and refreshments from noon-2pm. Admission is 20p and all money raised will go to St John's Church.

Are you Gymophobic?

According to the Fitness Industry Association (FIA) only 12% of the UK adult population use a gym! Despite the enormous publicity given to persuading us to exercise more, the fact remains that most of us don't like gyms. In other words, most people are Gymophobic!

What is it that makes someone Gymophobic? We asked 200 women what it is that they dislike about using a conventional gym. 73% said that they found gyms intimidating. 69% said that they did not want to exercise alongside men and a further 39% said that they found most gyms to be full of young, slim, shapely girls who made them feel old and fat! 88% complained at lack of attention and advice~ from Gym Instructors and 55% said that gyms were too time consuming. 61% said that gyms were expensive. 77% of women said that they did not feel fit enough to go to a gym and 49% said that they were too old!

"Ladies, to lose weight and achieve a great shape you don't need to spend hours down the gym"

Donna Hubbard, Founder Gymophobics

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The truth is somewhat different! Cardio is designed for one purpose only and figure improvement is not it. As the name suggests, Cardio 'works' the cardio vascular system and gets you aerobically fit. No one is suggesting that aerobic fitness is not important as it can lower blood pressure and reduce the risk of heart attack, stroke and thrombosis. But if weight loss, inch loss and a firm toned body is your goal, then cardio won't help! Run Briskly for an hour and you will burn less than a quarter of a pound on the weighing scale! So to lose a single pound of fat you would need to run hard on a treadmill for up to five hours! If you were fit enough to do that you probably have no fat to lose in the first place! The key to weight loss and real figure improvement is resistance based exercise. This ensures the muscles are quickly tightened and toned and hold the body in like a corset.

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Results are excellent! Most women lose a dress size in the first few weeks and go on to achieve a lovely figure. Gymophobics is fun and friendly which means that drop out rates are much lower than conventional gyms. People actually talk to each other at Gymophobics and there is a great social atmosphere which is enhanced by the varied social calendar, coffee mornings, charity occasions, etc. More than 70% of members renew their membership each year – more than twice the national average.

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Increase in city jobless bucks national trend

Jobless queues in Wolverhampton are getting longer, new figures reveal, bucking the national trend of unemployment falling for the first time in almost a year.

Across the West Midlands, unemployment fell by 3,000 to 239,000, while the national total dipped by 35,000 in the quarter to February, giving a jobless rate of 8.3 per cent.

But in Wolverhampton, the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance rose by 44 to 12,354, or 8.1 per cent of the borough's working population – the highest in the region and way above the national average claimant rate of 4.9 per cent.

Economic regeneration chief, Councillor Peter Bilson, said that while the result was disappointing, he remained optimistic.

Opportunities

"Forty-four is a very small statistic. We know we have a long way to go to improve the employment opportunities of people in the city, both young and old," he said. "But we have has some good news in recent weeks so I am optimistic we will be able to turn it around in the coming months.

"Both as an employer and as a facilitator, the council will be working with the business community to stabilise growth and encourage new jobs," he added.

The number of Jobseekers claimants increased for the 17th month in a row in March, up by 3,600 to 1.61 million, the smallest monthly rise since last December. The figures differ because not everyone classed as unemployed is eligible to claim the allowance.

Date set for MS talks

THE annual meeting of the MS Society's Black Country branch is due to be held on Monday, June 11.

Anyone who would like to attend can head to Blakenhall Community & Living Centre in Bromley Street, Blakenhall, Wolverhampton, for 2pm. For more information, call 01922 629538.

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Metal Works managing director Clive Knowles tries out a bell

Brass bells made in Wolverhampton will ring out at the Olympic stadium and other venues for the world's biggest sporting festival this summer.

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Jobs saved as buyer takes on fashion shops

TWO women's fashion shops in Wolverhampton have been saved after being taken on by a buyer.

Ellie Louise shops in Wednesfield and Pendeford have been bought by Mike Basso, owner of the Salford-based Pan World Brands retail business, through Liric Ltd.

Yorkshire-based retail chain Ellie Louise went into administration on April 2. Administrators Zolfo Cooper have sold 57 stores operating under the Ellie Louise, Happit and Trade Secret brands, including the two in Wolverhampton, for an undisclosed sum saving 270 jobs.

Other Ellie Louise stores in Bushbury, Bilston, Perton, New Invention and Great Barr had been closed before the sale. Across the country about 150 jobs have been lost.

£2,000 haul found just minutes after raid on shops

AROUND £2,000 worth of cigarettes and alcohol were found at a house in Wolverhampton minutes after being stolen in raids on two newsagents, a judge was told.

Police swooped on the property at 2.50am and found six bottles of spirits taken from one of the stores, bin bags full of cigarettes, and two suspects in the loft, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told last week.

Nine people were arrested in Bevan Avenue, Wood Cross, including Aaron Clark, aged 21, who lives there. He appeared with 20-year-olds Ryan Platt and Martin Walker and all three admitted handling stolen property.

Prosecutor John Brotherton said cigarettes and cash were stolen from a newsagents in Birchwood Road, Penn, at 1.15 am on December 30, 2010.

An hour later a similar haul was taken from another store in Turner Avenue, Wood Cross.

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Walker, of Banstead Close, Parkfields, said he was hiding because he did not like policemen while Platt said he went to the address after being told cheap alcohol was being sold.

Miss Philippa Page, defending, said Clark was of previous good character.

All three were given 12-month community orders. Platt, of Needwood Drive, Lanesfield, was ordered to do 180 hours unpaid work, Walker must do 240 hours while Clark was handed 240 hours. All three must pay costs and are under a night-time curfew.

Tuning into all Motown favourites

IT'S time to turn the clock back and listen to all those soul and motown favourites.

The Soulcrew DJs will be at Wombourne Civic Centre on Saturday (28) from 8pm-midnight for a music-packed night to raise money for the Thomas Bristow Trust Fund.

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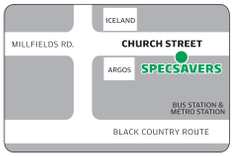

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A visit by Bantock Bodgers

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THE club was pleased to welcome a group of ladies from the Bantock Bodgers for the April meeting. They meet every Wednesday at Bantock House.

Firstly, the members heard a history of Bantock House, which was built in the 1730s and known as New Merridale Farm.

In 1864 it was bought by the Bantock family and was called Merridale House.

The Bantocks had 10 children and one of the sons, Baldwin, followed his father into the family business as a canal and railway agent. He married but had no children.

Like his father before him he was a great philanthropist and twice became mayor of Wolverhampton. When he died he left the house with its 43 acres of parkland to the town. It was renamed Bantock House.

The club is having a float at the Jubilee celebrations on June 3 and a display of craftwork.

On June 19 there is an outing to Wigmore Abbey house and gardens, the home of actor John Challis.

A tour of the house and afternoon tea is included and a stop off in Ludlow.

At the next meeting, on Thursday, May 10 at 7.30pm at Trysull village hall, Alan Bennett will talk about sausage making. The competition is an ornamental pig.

Previous president takes on role again

Incoming president Gail Wedge, left with previous incumbent Julia Jordan

WOLVERHAMPTON SOROPTIMISTS

CLUB members reviewed activities during the previous year at the Annual General Meeting.

Thanks were given to outgoing President Julia Jordan and her executive committee, before welcoming new President Gail Wedge into office.

Gail served previously as president during 2003/04 and again as part of Team Seventy in 2006/07 when a group of former presidents shared the role to celebrate the club's 70th year. She also served as regional president, representing the 14 Clubs in the Midland Chase Region during 2009/10.

Gail's chosen charities include the Acorns Children's Hospice and the Footprints Orphanage near Mombasa. Events already planned for the year include celebrations of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympic Games.

Talented artist gives talk

SEDGLEY MORNING TOWNSWOMEN

THERE was a good attendance at the AGM. The committee for last year agreed to stand again and were duly voted in.

After the business of the day and coffee the meeting ended with a quiz.

At the April meeting, the ladies listened to a very interesting talk and slide show entitled "Confessions of an Artist", given by Geoff Tristram, a talented illustrator and cartoonist. It was a very interesting and humorous talk.

There is no meeting on May 3 because of the local elections, but members are looking forward to an outing to Stratford-on-Avon including a river trip on May 24.

Members continue to enjoy theatre trips, the bowls group was due to starts its season on April 25 and the Floral Arts Group continues to meet every second Tuesday.

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Jail for man who drove weeks after road ban

A WOLVERHAMPTON man spotted behind the wheel of a car in Wales weeks after being convicted of driving while disqualified has been jailed for eight months.

Raymond Southall, aged 29, of Foxlands Crescent, Penn, was stopped in a Land Rover on the A5, in Corwen, because he was not wearing a seat belt on October 1 last year, Wolverhampton Crown Court heardlast week.

Mr John Evans, prosecuting, said he gave a false name, but checks soon exposed the lie. Ben Nicholls, defending, said Southall's partner had been driving and he only took over the controls for a short time after she fell ill.

He admitted an offence of driving while disqualified was also banned from the road for a further 18 months. Judge Nicholas Webb said his actions were "a flagrant breach".

Race night a winner

Mayor, councillor Bert Turner and wife Kath at Wolverhampton Racecourse

WOLVERHAMPTON'S Mayor had a flutter on the horses as part of a fundraising event to help pull in hundreds of pounds for charity.

Councillor Bert Turner joined dozens of guests at Wolverhampton Racecourse for the event last week. As well as enjoying the races, a raffle was also held.

More than £1,000 was raised, which will go to Councillor Turner's chosen charities, Compton Hospice, the Wolverhampton branch of the Alzheimer's Society and the Acute Medical Ward for Dementia at New Cross Hospital.

He said: "It was a really enjoyable night. We all had a good time but most importantly we raised a lot of money for charity which is what matters."

Councillor Turner is nearing the end of his mayoral year. The post will go to deputy mayor, Tory councillor Paddy Bradley.

Hi-tech kit for gym

A RANGE of cutting-edge fitness equipment is to be installed at Aldersley Leisure Village in Wolverhampton.

The new Technogym kit includes cardio vascular, strength, kinesis and arke equipment. It will be part of the Wellness System which will enable people to monitor their progress, including the number of calories burned during their workout.

It will also link up with the existing Wellness equipment at the Bert Williams Leisure Centre in Bilston and Blakenhall Community and Heal thy Living Centre.

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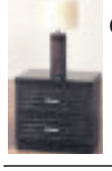
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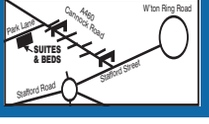

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The robot in action at Wolverhampton's New Cross hospital

Surgeon Peter Cooke

Surgical robot is just what the doctor ordered

A £1 MILLION surgical robot has been hailed a major success by surgeons at Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital – 12 months after it was first introduced.

More than 50 operations have been carried out by the Da Vinci robot at New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton since last April. New Cross is the only hospital in the Midlands to have the robot.

Prostate cancer specialist Peter Cooke, who is trained to use the robot, admitted the new high-tech surgery had major benefits compared to traditional keyhole procedures.

And he revealed more Da Vinci robots could be arriving at the hospital in the near future.

Mr Cooke said: "Using the robot for operations has surpassed my expectations. We have stopped doing standard keyhole surgery for prostate cancer patients because it is so good.

Magnified

"You can see the internal anatomy much better as it is so magnified and dissection is far more accurate.

"Using the robot also helps to preserve the nerves of a patient better. Having used it I would never go back to anything else. There is talk of us getting more of these robots."

The Da Vinci robot was leased to the hospital and helps surgeons perform intricate operations.

It features a robotic cart with arms, with instruments mounted on to them, which are moved by the surgeons. The device senses the surgeon's hand movements and translates them electronically into scaled-down micro-movements.

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1D? Who are they asks pop queen Madonna

ONE Direction may have conquered charts around the world but pop queen Madonna has proved to be unaware of their existence.

The US singer, who has always shown herself to be on the pulse with changing tastes, was not sure who the British quintet were when asked in a TV interview.

One Direction, including Liam Payne from Wolverhampton, have caused a stir in the US where they have been mobbed by fans and became the first British group to debut at number one in the US. But in an interview, Madonna was unsure who they are when asked. "That's a pop group, right? Sorry," said the 53-year-old star. Told they are a British chart band, she said: "I haven't seen them yet."

Tributes as ex-leader of council dies at 84

A FORMER leader of South Staffordshire Council has died at the age of 84. Tributes have been being paid to Bill Brownhill.

He was one of the first people elected to South Staffordshire Council after the council was originally established back in 1974.

He was today described as a "giant figure" on South Staffordshire's local political scene who enjoyed a long and illustrious career.

He was council leader from 1982 to 2005 and was awarded the title of Honorary Alderman after he retired from office in 2007.

Alderman Brownhill represented the Himley and Swindon ward on South Staffordshire Council from 1974 to 2007.

Councillor Bill Brownhill

Park

In his time as leader the Conservative politician oversaw the transformation of Baggeridge Country Park from a former colliery site to the Green Flag-awarded country park it is today.

Alderman Brownhill served as chairman of South Staffordshire Council in 1981/82. As well being a district councillor, he served on the parish councils at both Himley and Swindon.

First elected to Himley Parish Council in 1966, he became chairman in 1970 and stepped down in 2007.

South Staffordshire Council leader Brian Edwards, said: "Bill was a giant figure in South Staffordshire. He worked tirelessly for local people over what was a very long and illustrious career.".

He passed away at his Himley home after a long illness. He is survived by wife Nora and son Stuart.

Choir to honour Jubilee

THE City of Wolverhampton Choir will perform a special concert in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The choir will perform coronation anthems and favourites from Last Night of the Proms at the concert, to be held at Wulfrun Hall on June 2. Doors open at 6.30pm.

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Foundation status bid by New Cross is back on

NEW Cross Hospital has relaunched its bid to be put among the best hospitals in the country after a review of its care standards.

The hospital in Wolverhampton had its bid for coveted foundation status put on ice last year. Minor and moderate concerns were flagged up by the Care Quality Commission following inspections.

Foundation Hospital status would give The Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS Trust, which runs New Cross, greater control of its affairs and funding. The public would be allowed to apply to become members and governors and hold the hospital to account.

Quality

Last year a report by the NHS watchdog the Care Quality Commission found the hospital was not always meeting "essential" standards in some areas such as the care of older people. But it has revealed the situation has improved.

Trust chief executive David Loughton said: "Right from the outset, our application has been underpinned by clinical quality so that we continue to provide the very highest standards of care for our patients in a sustainable manner.

"As part of the assessment process, the Care Quality Commission regularly evaluates quality of care. A recent review shows the Trust to be fully compliant across a range of quality indicators.

Staff go that extra mile

A SUPERMARKET in Wombourne has raised £2,746 for Sport Relief.

Staff at Sainsbury's raised it by organising a bake sale, running the Sport Relief Mile and wearing fancy dress.

Meanwhile store manager Kate Bradshaw scaled Pen y Fan mountain in South Wales.

Ex-players hit cash goal

Ex-Wolves players, Matt Murray, front, Kenny Hibbitt, top left, and Steve Daley, top right, with organiser Matt Flint and compere Steve Saull

THREE former Wolves players put in an appearance at a fundraiser at Hednesford Town Football Club in aid of a hospice in Wolverhampton.

Former midfielders Steve Daley and Kenny Hibbitt and ex-goalkeeper Matt Murray were quizzed about their careers in a question and answer session at Keys Park. and Steve Daley gave a talk. A raffle and auction raised funds for Compton Hospice.

Director Matt Flint, from Cannock-based Company Networking Ltd, organised the event. He said it had been a huge success.

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Folk fundraiser with a special message

FOLK musicians from around the country performed free at a Wolverhampton arts centre to raise funds and awareness of smaller venues which the organisers claim are in danger of disappearing.

Organised by Midlands musician John Richards, Folk21, at the Newhampton Arts Centre, Whitmore Reans, put on a show of folk music on Saturday to get the message across. There were artists from Scotland, England and Wales and even a Greek-born singer songwriter.

The festival was brought to a conclusion by Staffordshire musician John Richards, and his band. He made a heartfelt plea for everyone to support their local folk clubs and spread the word about the importance of these venues for future generations. During the night the event raised more than £400 through ticket and CD sales as well as a raffle.

For more information visit http://folktwentyone.wordpress.com/

Long-serving councillor to stand down after 34 years

ONE of the longest-serving councillors in Wolverhampton is to retire next month after almost 34 years. Councillor John Davis has spent most of his time on Wolverhampton Borough Council and later Wolverhampton City Council.

He represented the Tettenhall Regis ward for the Conservatives. He was first elected in Wednesfield in 1978 but lost the marginal seat to Labour after four years, winning his seat in Tettenhall in 1983.

The 80-year-old father of two and grandfather of three said he was looking forward to making models, woodwork, craft, painting and drawing when he retires.

Councillor John Davis

Councillor Davis, who lives with wife Noreen in Church Hill Road, was mayor of Wolverhampton in 2006. He spent much of his working career as a primary school teacher, mainly at Holy Trinity in West Bromwich.

Confidence

During his time on the council he was chairman of the licensing committee and is currently the shadow chairman as the Conservatives are in opposition.

He said: "I want to thank all the people in Tettenhall Regis for voting for me over many years and showing their confidence in me.

"I think the best advice I can offer to any new politicians is to get out there and get to know what people think.

"Find out their concerns and raise them however you can."

Wolverhampton City Council elections take place next Thursday (3).

UK tour singer to stop off at Civic

SINGER-songwriter Frank Turner has announced a performance at Wolverhampton's Civic Hall as part of his upcoming UK tour.

Accompanied by his band, The Sleeping Souls, Turner will play the show on November 23. Tickets for the show are priced at £18.

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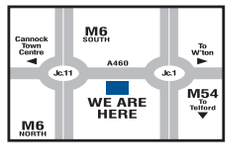

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New look air show is set for take-off

THE RAF Cosford Air Show is set for a revamp. A new management team has taken over the organisation of the one-day event, which attracts thousands of visitors each summer.

They have pledged to make some changes and introduce new ideas. RAF bosses say key members of the previous team retired earlier in the year, prompting members of the RAF Charitable Trust Enterprises to manage the show.

Amanda Butcher is the new airshow co-ordinator. She said: "This is one of the best air shows in the UK, so this is very exciting. I used to be a Wing Commander in the RAF so this is something which is close to my heart.

Bombers

"We are introducing a few new ideas and making small changes to make it more of an experience but it will always be aimed at families, as well as keeping plane enthusiasts happy."

Changes to this year's show include the theme which is centred on the 100-year anniversary of the Central Flying School – the world's oldest military flight school.

This year will also feature a special display by the RAF Sea King, on loan from Valley Search and Rescue, the base Prince William is currently stationed at. Lancaster bombers and Spitfires will take part in the Battle of Britain Memorial flight.

RAF Cosford Airshow will take place on Sunday, June 17. Tickets cost £20 in advance or £25 on the door. Under 16s go free.

Restaurant to stick with city

James Ferrante and Mathew Drago Ferrante from Don Salvo, with Margaret Corneby of the Black Country Chamber of Commerce and Councillor Peter Bilson from Wolverhampton City Council

OWNERS of an Italian restaurant in Wolverhampton who were threatening to leave the city centre have decided to stay put.

Don Salvo in Darlington Street was put on the market at the end of last year after its owners said the city centre was "no longer up to standard".

But the Ferrante family, which have run the restaurant and its predecessor Geppetto's for 22 years, have been in talks with business leaders and Wolverhampton City Council and changed their mind. The family recently took on The Mitre pub in Lower Green, Tettenhall, and refurbished it to the tune of £35,000.

A recent refurbishment at the Darlington Street site now offers a first-floor cocktail bar with space for functions, live music, business conferences and private parties. Brothers James and Mathew Drago Ferrante run the restaurant, which employs 20 people, while their father Salvatore looks after The Mitre.

James Drago Ferrante said: "We considered quitting Wolverhampton because of our concerns about what seems to be the continuing decline."

They said the decision to scrap night time parking charges at Fold Street car park had helped persuade them to stay.

Gardeners' chance to bloom

BUDDING Alan Titchmarshes are being invited to join Wolverhampton Homes in their annual gardening competition.

Wolverhampton City Council tenants and leaseholders who live in properties managed by Wolverhampton Homes are invited to take part.

Categories are – best garden; best hanging basket or container; communal garden; community garden, and best work by children aged 11 and under. An overall winner will be crowned gardener of the year in September.

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Campaigners hoping to take over church soon

CAMPAIGNERS fighting to reopen a Dudley church will submit their bid to take over responsibility for the building by the end of the month.

If successful, it will enable The St John's Church Preservation Group to carry out restoration work. Chairman Deb Brownlee said a business plan had been drawn up and will be submitted to the Church Commissioners once it has been approved by the Diocese of Worcester. The group wants to lease the 173-year-old church.

It is hoped the Kates Hill building, which has grade II listed status, could be used by the community again.

Under the plans, the church would be formally closed as an Anglican place of worship – but it is hoped the building would be used for worship in the future.

Mrs Brownlee said: "Once approved by the diocese the business plan will be sent to the Church Commissioners in London who will make the final decision.

"In the meantime fundraising has been stepped up to ensure the group can hit the ground running and be able to afford the insurance and initial works to ensure the building can be reopened to the public quickly," she said.

Members are estimating it will cost around £5,000 to reopen the building but more cash would be needed.

Monthly variety shows are being held to bring in money and the next one will be on April 26 at Club Dudley, Waterloo Street, Dudley. Doors open at 7pm and admission is £3. Anyone interested in sponsorship can register by email at savestjohn church@hotmail.co.uk or on 07871 195042.

Kiri is face of campaign

Adam Sefton, left, and Kiri Yeates who front the recruitment campaign

A SOLDIER from Dudley is one two from the West Midlands picked to be the faces of a national army internet and TV recruitment campaign. Army medic Kiri Yeates, aged 25, of Dudley and Troop Corporal Adam Sefton, 26, of Bearwood are among those fronting the Territorial Army drive. Both are members of the Dudley-based Royal Mercian and Lancastrian Yeomanry A Squadron. They fit their army duties around their regular jobs – Adam as a tax preparation consultant at Deloitte and Kiri as a physiotherapist at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital, which she joined in 2008.

The campaign can be seen on the British Army website at: www.army.mod.uk/join.

Touring theatre shows

A TOURING theatre company Purple Dreams Productions will perform new thriller Silent Echo at Netherton Arts Centre on May 4 and 5 and then comedy Kissing Angels on May 25 and 26. Tickets for the show, which start at 7.30pm, are £12 and £10 and are available on 01384 812846.

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Criminals apologise to avoid court date

HUNDREDS of thugs, shoplifters and fraudsters in Staffordshire are going unpunished – by agreeing to apologise to their victims instead of facing the courts.

Police officers are using community resolutions to deal more quickly with some offences as a way of cutting down on paperwork.

But the process has been criticised because it means offenders can escape court proceedings if they agree to say sorry or pay compensation for their crimes. The force is looking to increase using the scheme.

Judgement

In Staffordshire, 768 crimes were dealt with between April last year and the beginning of March through the process.

Deputy Chief Constable Douglas Paxton said: "Officers regularly use their professional judgement to resolve local crimes and incidents by way of community resolutions.

"This can deliver more proportionate outcomes and has delivered very high victim satisfaction levels. They have included warnings to offenders, apologies by offenders, reparation and compensation.

Figures show that a fifth of all crime being dealt with by West Midlands Police over the past year has led to a community resolution.

Is this reel-y the end for cinema projectionists?

As cinemas make the switch from film to digital technology, the role of the traditional movie projectionist looks set to disappear. MARK ANDREWS talks to one of a dying breed

Dudley Showcase will still continue to screen 35mm films

Light House cinema co-ordinator Jas Kapur checks out the film reel

The digital age could mean an end to traditional cinema projectionists

THE cinema projectionist leads a life shrouded in mystery, romance and glamour.

Few of us notice them as they go about their business, but we all know what they look like, don't we? Thin-lipped young men who live in a dark, dusty hideaway at the back of the cinema, illuminated only by a thin beam of flickering light, accompanied by the rapid clicking of the tape spools.

If you're going to modern multiplex, it is more likely to be somebody sat behind a desk in an office, surrounded by computer screens.

Old-school projectionists, like Jas Kapur of Wolverhampton's Light House cinema, are a dying breed as cinemas make the switch from using film to digital technology.

Traditionally, the job involved taking the film out of a metal can and lacing an endless stream of tiny pictures into a projector.

"With digital it is like a giant memory stick, you put it into a computer and then play the film," says Jas.

Archive

For the 49-year-old movies have been a way of life, ever since he began making films on his brother's Super-8 cine camera as a child. As soon as he left school, he went to work at Wolverhampton's old ABC cinema, and remained there until it closed in 1991.

"Then like a shining beacon across the way, The Light House opened, and I have been there ever since."

But not even the Light House, which has built up a reputation as a traditional arthouse cinema, has escaped the digital revolution.

"At the moment the downstairs is digital, and we're hoping to convert the upstairs as well, but we will be retaining our 35mm projector because we show a lot of archive films."

The Odeon Group, Britain's largest cinema chain with multiplexes at Brierley Hill, Telford and Birmingham, completed its conversion to digital last year. The rival Showcase cinema in Dudley has already made the switch, with all its other cinemas to follow suit by the end of the year.

Phil Clapp of the Cinema Exhibitors' Association, says the switch will inevitably mean a major change in the role of the projectionist.

"While a 35mm projector is a mechanical device with moving parts, a digital projector – aside from the lamp – is very much a piece of IT," he says.

"Projectionists who have been able to strip down and reassemble a 35mm projector with their eyes closed are suddenly being presented with a box with an on-off switch."

The main driving force behind the switchover has been the film industry itself, says Jas Kapur. "A lot of the films you get now are only available on digital," he says.

There are many advantages of the digital revolution, particularly in terms of picture quality. While traditional films pick up scratches and other faults over the years, every digital transmission should be as good as the first.

Adam Day, of Showcase Cinemas, says it means multiple screens will be able to show 3D content, including live events such as opera, ballet and sport, through satellite link-ups.

He says all Showcase cinemas will retain the ability to screen some 35mm films where digital prints are not available, or for special events.

While that sounds like progress, the 35mm film still has a loyal following, in the same way that many people still prefer vinyl over CDs.

"I like the film, but I'm an old fashioned projectionist," says Jas Kapur. "If the film breaks you can rectify it straight away, you can repair the film and relace it, but if it's all electronic, it's much more complicated."

But there is another reason why the giant cinema chains love digital. It is much cheaper. Not only does it require fewer projectionists, it also means there is no need for the large projection rooms.

Pressure faced by region's officers

A SNAPSHOT of crime in the Black Country and Staffordshire can be revealed. In a typical week, officers dealt with thousands of crimes including sexual assault, burglary, robbery and theft.

The figures show the day-to-day pressure officers are under at a time of major government funding cutbacks.

Figures obtained under the Freedom of Information Act show the reported crimes the forces dealt with between 8am on February 6 and 8am on February 13.

Damage

In the Black Country, there were 1,209 crimes. Sandwell recorded 345 , with 46 burglaries, 47 violent crimes, nine robberies and 64 reports of criminal damage. Walsall had 308 offences. The borough saw 70 burglaries, 48 violent crimes and nine robberies.

Across the Wolverhampton policing area, there were 303 crimes 41 criminal damage reports, 70 burglaries, five robberies and 49 violent crimes. In Dudley, 36 burglaries, five robberies, 91 thefts and 33 violent offences contributed to 253 offences during the week.

But crime in the West Midlands is at its lowest level in a decade, with 20,000 fewer victims in the year to this month compared with the same period last year.

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National Express plan will find jobs for 1,700

MIDLANDS transport company National Express is looking to recruit 1,700 people in the region over the next three years.

A new academy to allow employees to get qualifications in driver training, literacy and numeracy was also announced.

A total of 125 new jobs will be created. Other jobs will be recruited to replace roles that become free through retirement. The firm, which runs bus services and the Midland Metro, has launched a recruitment drive alongside JobCentre Plus encouraging more younger people and women to apply.

National Express managing director Peter Coates said the roles would include bus drivers as well as new route managers, who will be responsible for improving the punctuality and reliability of services.

"There are a lot of people looking for jobs across the West Midlands and I am delighted to launch this new agreement," he said.

Mr Coates was signing off the Routes to Work agreement in a meeting with Minister of Work and Pensions, MP Chris Grayling, in Birmingham last week. The new academy was also agreed.

Mr Grayling said: "I think it is tremendous news that new jobs are coming into the workstream for communities in the West Midlands.

"National Express is clearly thinking ahead in that, as people are coming towards retirement, the firm will be bringing young people into the business."

National Express employs more than 5,400 staff at its nine garages.

MP Chris Grayling and managing director of National Express, Peter Coates

Craft fair at arts centre

AN ARTS centre in Netherton will host a spring craft fair and people can still sign up to run stalls at the event.

The event will be held at the town's arts centre, Northfield Road, on May 20. It will run from 11am to 4pm. Entry is 50p. Stalls cost £20 and booking forms are available on 01384 813943.

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Backing for homes plan on carpet factory site

A MAJOR redevelopment of a former Stourport carpet factory to create homes, shops and a hotel has moved a stage closer despite concerns about increased traffic jams.

By Andrew Turton

Concerns were raised that a single road feeding into the site in could become clogged along with narrow neighbouring streets.

But the proposals on the former Carpets of Worth factory site received the majority backing of councillors on Wyre Forest District Council planning committee last night.

More than 150 homes will be built on the land, in Severn Road, surrounded by the Rover Stour.

It is neighbouring a new Tesco supermarket which has been built on the northern part of the site.

Workers have already started a project to improve road junctions nearby as part of the plans.

Developers have agreed to spend £270,000 on transport improvements, with around £30,000 being spent on other infrastructure updates in the area. Committee member Councillor Howard Martin said: "I think it is a fabulous application for the piece of land and it will bring much needed homes to the area but I do worry about the impact on the traffic in Stourport."

The plans have been in the pipeline for three years and were held up in 2010 in a row over a pedestrian bridge across the Stour.

Outline planning permission was granted last year and it is hoped this is now the final hurdle before work can start.

A report by planning officer John Baggott said: "Concerns relating to the all- important delivery of the link road and bridge across the River Stour have been negated."

Students join stars

The international stars will be joined by local dancers

THE European Ballet company visits Ludlow on Saturday at 4pm and 8pm to present Sleeping Beauty. Under the direction of Stanislav Tchassov, former principal with the Bolshoi Ballet, the company will bring the beautiful ballet to life. Dancers from Russia and Europe will perform, helped by some local ballet students. Some dancers will meet the audience after the show. Book online at www.ludlowassemblyrooms.co.uk or call 01584 878141.

Exploring the bluebells

VISITORS to an outdoor centre near Stourport can enjoy a walk among the bluebells on May 6. Wardens at Bishops Wood Centre, Crossway Green,will be hosting a guided stroll from 2pm until 4.30pm and will give people an insight into the natural history and folklore of one of the nation's favourite plants. People can bring along a picnic There is a small fee. For more information call 01299 250513.

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Decision to save home sees 'common sense win'

A CLOSURE-THREATENED care home has been saved after council chiefs vowed to keep it open. Elderly residents at New Bradley Hall, Kingswinford, faced being forced out under plans to shut it.

Dudley Council leader, Councillor Les Jones, said the home "will not close". But he added the council plans to finish consultation to determine how it will care for patients in the future.

Councillor Jones said of the closure: "It is not going to happen under my administration." He added: "I wanted to take the option for closure off the table to stop it being used as a political football in the run up to the elections."

Campaigner Mac Scott MBE said it was a "victory for the residents" adding he was pleased "common sense had prevailed".

"I'm pleased they have had the decency to decide to look again at the situation because at the end of the day all this has only ever been about the welfare of the residents," he added.

Labour leader, Councillor David Sparks, had stated his party's commitment to keeping the home open if they take control of the authority following the May elections.

"We have not played it politically to ensure the people lobbying got a fair hearing," he said. "We will keep New Bradley Hall open." The official consultation is due to end on April 27 with a decision in June. Dudley's UKIP spokesman Bill Etheridge has also indicated the party wants to keep New Bradley Hall open.

Stroll through bluebells

NATURE lovers can enjoy a guided stroll around a Dudley nature reserve to see its colourful display of bluebells.

Dudley Council is running the walk at Saltwells Nature Reserve on April 28. Calling 01384 812795 or 07717 700790.

Thomas tanks into event

Visitors line up on the platform for the Thomas show held at the Severn Valley Railway, Kidderminster

CHILDREN'S favourite Thomas the Tank Engine chugged into Kidderminster for a special event at the Severn Valley Railway.

The little blue engine proved a big hit with families during the Day Out With Thomas weekend.

Visitors to the heritage line watched live steam shows featuring Thomas and The Fat Controller.

They also travelled to the railway's Engine House visitor centre at Highley where there was a magic show.

There was face painting, a colouring competition and DVDs at the Day Out With Thomas cinema and meet the Gordon the Big Engine.

There was also a Thomas bouncy castle at Bridgnorth station. Among those visiting Kidderminster station was James Ralph, from Dudley who took along his three-year-old son Kaiden.

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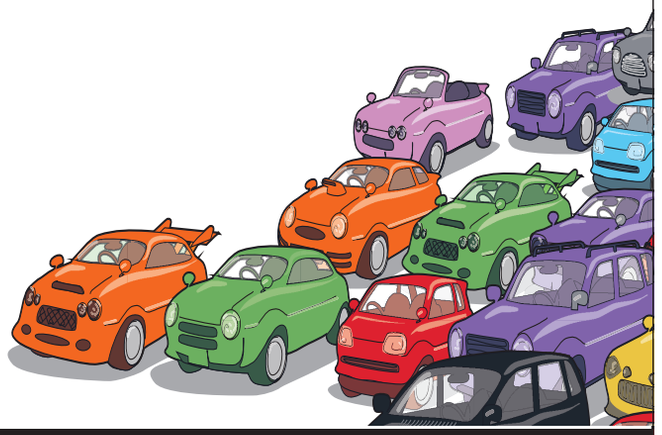

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Poignant musical marks the 100th anniversary of Titanic

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The show, described as "highly emotional", highlights the stories of several people who were aboard the Titanic as it made its maiden voyage from the UK to America. Forty-nine members of the amateur dramatics society took to the stage on stage at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre on Tuesday, as well as four dogs.

Emotional

IT consultant Andreas Hope, aged 50, from Sutton Coldfield, plays the part of Captain Edward Smith.

He said: "It's a very emotional show. It goes through the lives of all the different classes on the ship. All the characters in the show were actually on the ship so it's very close to real life."

Society chairwoman Viv Davis added it felt "special" to be performing the musical in such a landmark year.

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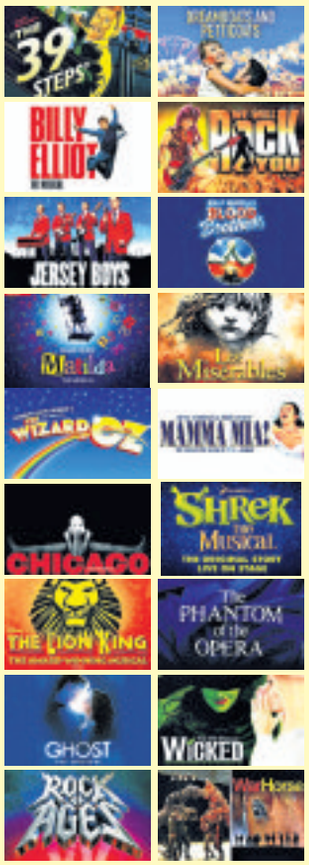

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EIGHTY million units sold and more than 40 hits, Barry Manilow has set the benchmark for success in popular music since his breakthrough in the 1970s with Mandy, Could It Be Magic – as covered by Take That – and I Write The Songs.

After a series of albums covering classics songs from several genres, Manilow last year brought out his first album of original songs in ten years, 15 Minutes, an exploration of the perils of fame.

Manilow is perhaps at his very best in concert where he is a consummate showman, drawing on an extensive back catalogue and delivering his songs with his own brand of self-deprecating humour.

His legion of Fanilows will be out in force when he returns to the stage in the UK, including a Birmingham LG Arena date on May 17. Tickets range from £25 to £85. Call 0844 338 8000.

Barry Manilow's fanilows will be at the LG next month

Join club for original rock

Bombay Bicycle Club, Wolverhampton Civic

A CURIOUSLY anonymous combo, the BBC have in three albums established themselves as one of the most original and inventive bands on the UK scene.

They still have not quite got the clout to fill the Civic but the enthusiasm of their young fans was boisterous and infectious.

The night began with Warwickshire singer-songwriter Lucy Rose. She has the awkward of the young Marianne Faithfull, a clutch of good songs and it became apparent she is an unofficial extra member of BBC. Next on Lianne La Havas was more polished with a jazz-inflected soulful voice. The new Corrine Bailey Rae?

Muscle

Opening with How Can You Swallow So Much Sleep from latest album A Different Kind Of Fix, it was soon obvious BBC pack more rock muscle than suggested by singer-guitarist Jack Steadman's floppy fringe.

There's is a unclassifiable blend of psychedelic rock (Your Eyes), folkiness (Ivy & Gold) and indie rock (Evening Morning).

Lucy Rose returned to share vocals with Steadman on the cosy Lights Out Words Gone and the ethereal Still. BBC, the hip alternative to Coldplay, rounded off by encoring with the quirky Shuffle.

Lucy Rose headlines in her own right at Wolverhampton Slade Rooms on May 24.

Leon Burakowski

Dan's debut due in May

WOLVERHAMPTON singer-songwriter Dan Whitehouse is busy with his debut album, a career on the folk circuit and using his talent for music as a therapy for people with memory loss through brain injury.

He will be back on home turf on May 4 when he supports Scott Matthews at the Newhampton Arts Centre, Whitmore Reans, and his tour takes him across the Midlands where he will play Birmingham's Songwriters Cafe on May 17; The Spark, Lichfield on June 7; The BHG Kidderminster on July 10; Life and Other Arts Festival, Stourbridge, on July 15 and Moseley Folk Festival on September 2. Dan's self-titled debut album comes out on May 23. See www.dan-whitehouse.com

Irish jokers at Civic

RAUCOUS Irish comedy show Good Mourning Mrs Brown has sold out five consecutive performances at Wolverhampton Civic Hall this week. Then Irish comic Dara O'Briain has three nights at the Civic from May 18-20 with his Craic Dealer show. Call 0870 320 7000.

Drum 'n' bass 'n' ballet in Brum

ONE of the highlights of the International Dance Festival Birmingham will be Three Short Works by Birmingham Royal Ballet at the Crescent Theatre on May 3 and 4.

These will include 9-5, a new one-act ballet developed by BRB dancer Kit Holder from his exciting drum 'n' bass work Printer Jam. Also featured will be Lyric Pieces by American choreographer Jessica Lang and Take Five, David Bintley's jazz creation to music by Dave Brubeck.

Tickets costs from £10 to £18 and there will be an extra matinee peformance on May 4. Call 0121 643 5858.

Not top of the world

Rainy Days and Mondays: The Carpenters Story, New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham

RAINY it was although not a Monday as we waited for the Carpenters story to unfold at the New Alexandra Theatre. The venue was not packed although the audience were very receptive – some too much so – and the group made it Yesterday Once More as they ran through the familiar songs.

To call the show Rainy Days and Mondays The Carpenters Story was really overstating it – the songs were there, yes, and illustrated the musical skills of brother Richard but the story was minimal. We were shown a few pictures of Richard and sister Karen and some of the album covers and a small reference was made to her tragic death at a young age. Apart from that, it was just songs and some stumbling around as the band had to be counted in on a couple of occasions. It was stated that it was 'not a dramatisation', so why was it plugged as The Carpenters Story?

Emotion

Singer Claire Furley bore a slight resemblance to Karen and sounded a bit like her but she did not have the vocal depth or emotion to carry it off. The band appeared disinterested, although one did show versatility in the of instruments he could play and was good on the saxophone.

Some of the songs were too upbeat, putting the timing out, and Claire's voice was sometimes drowned out. However, the show did provide more than two hours of classic hits including (They Long to Be) Close to You, Superstar, Goodbye to Love, Sing, We've Only Just Begun, Top of the World, Yesterday Once More, Solitaire, For All We Know, Only Yesterday, and Please Mr Postman. Well received, by some, but maybe that distinctive voice of Karen Carpenter is just too tough an act to follow.

Sue Attwater

Just an illusion

ILLUSIONIST Derren Brown bring his latest mind-boggling show, Svengali, to Wolverhampton Grand for six evening performances from Monday. Call 01902 429212.

Des delight as he marks six decades in showbiz

Des O'Connor, Wolverhampton Grand

SIX decades in show business and still going strong, legendary entertainer Des O'Connor was greeted with a huge appreciative applause from a near full Grand Theatre.

Looking considerably younger than his 80 years the singer, game show host and comedian oozed charm in his interaction with the audience.

His easy going personality, versatile comedy and musical prowess gave him the ability to entertain and delight the audience entirely on his own.

Laughter

The first half of the show was devoted to comedy that produced howls of laughter with tales about the many tours and shows that he has done over the years with famous artists and the jokes made about his singing – particularly by Morecambe and Wise.

For the second half, together with first class musicians, he mixed the comedy with powerful renditions of well established songs. Sweet Caroline, Crazy, The Young Ones and a Buddy Holly medley had the satisfied audience singing along with him.

He certainly deserves his title of Mr Showbiz.

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Choice

THE VOICE UK
BBC1, 7pm

The blind auditions are over, and the unique selling point (the fact the judges couldn't see who they'd chosen to mentor) has been exhausted, will it be just like The X Factor from here on? That remains to be seen, but with a recent episode thrashing Britain's Got Talent in the ratings, you can bet Simon Cowell is a little worried as his quest for ratings supremacy is threatened once more. This week, the four celebrity mentors start the opening live round with a group performance to show the wannabe stars how it's done. Then, the five remaining acts in Tom and Will's teams take centre stage. The results show is tomorrow at 7.25pm.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **11.45** Football Focus. **12.15** Match of the Day Live. A match from the Championship (Kick-off 12.30pm). **2.30** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Warrington Wolves v Bradford Bulls (Kick-off 2.40pm). **4.30** Final Score. **5.20** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.35** Pointless Celebrities.

6.30 My Family. Ben forms a union to protest about timecards at work. (R)
7.00 The Voice UK. Holly Willoughby and Reggie Yates present the first live round of the singing contest, in which the five acts in Tom Jones and Will.i.am's teams each take centre stage.
8.30 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Dale Winton hosts the quiz show in which five contestants answer questions to scoop a big prize. Includes the Lotto and Thunderball draws.
9.20 Casualty. Weeks of fretful anticipation come to an end for Sam as the day of the GMC hearing arrives, but a confrontation with an old friend forces her to relive painful memories.
10.10 BBC News; Weather.
10.30 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Wigan Athletic v Newcastle United; National Lottery Update.
11.55 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games on the final day of the regular Championship season.

1.15 Weatherview. **1.20** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **1.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. Further second-round coverage from Sheffield. **5.30** The Falklands – Remembering Craig.

6.00 Flog It! The team visits the Cumbrian town of Barrow-in-Furness.
6.30 Dad's Army. The platoon puts its best feet forward. (R)
7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Coverage of the final session on day eight at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre, where one second-round match is scheduled to conclude and another gets under way.
8.00 The Story of Light Entertainment. The role of impressionists, exploring the popularity of performers including Mike Yarwood, Rory Bremner, Alistair McGowan, Ronni Ancona and the Spitting Image team.
9.00 The Art of Tommy Cooper. The life and work of the comedian. (R)
9.30 I Love 1972. David Cassidy continues the nostalgic look back at 1970s kitsch culture, focusing on the year of The Partridge Family, The Godfather and Marc Bolan's commercial peak. (R)
10.30 FILM: Mean Streets. (1973) Martin Scorsese's drama, with Robert De Niro.

12.20 Snooker: The World Championship. **1.10** Snooker Extra. **3.10** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Saturday Cookbook. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** The Real Housewives of New York City. **12.15** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.20** ITV News; Weather. **1.30** Film: Free Willy 3: The Rescue. (1997) Family adventure, starring Jason James Richter. **3.05** Planet's Funniest Animals. (R) **3.20** Film: Murder on the Orient Express. (1974) Agatha Christie mystery, starring Albert Finney. **5.45** Regional News ; Weather.

6.00 ITV News; Weather.
6.15 Keith Lemon's LemonAid.
7.00 New You've Been Framed! Featuring boating mishaps.
7.30 The Cube. Builder Wes and PE teacher Catrin are asked to complete tasks within the confines of the cube, hoping to win a jackpot of £250,000.
8.30 Britain's Got Talent. Ant and Dec host the nationwide talent search as another line-up of entertainers try to impress judges Simon Cowell, David Walliams, Alesha Dixon and Amanda Holden.
9.30 Benidorm. The Garveys arrive at Madge's villa, only to discover she has sold it to a TV personality, and Gavin turns up at Solana with a new companion. (R)
10.30 ITV News; Weather.
10.45 FILM: Dirty Harry. (1971) Police thriller, starring Clint Eastwood.

12.40 The Store. (R) ITV News Headlines. **2.45** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.30** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.15 The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Grid. **7.05** British F3. **7.30** FIM Superbike World Championship 2012. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.50** The TV Book Club. **9.25** T4: Koko Pop. **10.00** T4: Made in Chelsea. **11.05** T4: The Pop Powerlist. **12.10** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.45** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.15** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.50** Channel 4 Racing. **3.55** Channel 4 Presents – Oscar Pistorius "Head Strong". (R) **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me.

6.00 Channel 4 News.
6.25 4thought.tv. Nurse Jane Parkes talks about dealing with depression through religion, and expresses her wish to share her beliefs with patients suffering the same plight.
6.30 Stephen Fry's 100 Greatest Gadgets. The writer and actor provides a countdown of his favourite devices, all of which have revolutionised aspects of life, including the tin opener, trouser press and answering machine. (R)
9.30 FILM: Terminator Salvation. (2009) Premiere. In the future, resistance fighter John Connor leads a war against the deadly robots. Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Christian Bale.
11.45 FILM: Underworld: Evolution. (2006) Action fantasy sequel, starring Kate Beckinsale.

1.35 Stand Up for the Week. (R) **2.20** Facejacker. (R) **2.45** Hit the Road Jack. **3.30** Dog's Mercury. (R) **3.55** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.40** Smallville. (R) **5.25** Countdown.

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** The Gadget Show: World Tour. (R) **11.00** Rory McGrath's Pub Dig. (R) **12.00** The Restaurant Inspector. (R) **1.00** Film: Murder, She Said. (1961) Miss Marple mystery, starring Margaret Rutherford. **2.40** Film: Medicine Man. (1992) Jungle adventure, starring Sean Connery. **4.45** Film: The Magnificent Seven. (1960) Western, starring Yul Brynner.

7.25 5 News Weekend.
7.30 NCIS. Lt Col Mann arrives to assist with inquiries into the murder of a marine – a case that becomes personal for Gibbs when he learns one of the witnesses is his ex-wife. (R)
8.20 NCIS. A Navy recruiting officer is murdered at a high school and the agents receive help from Ducky's predecessor in their search for the killer. Guest starring Bob Newhart. (R)
9.10 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. The team is called to examine the murder of a man found in the desert, leading to a string of killings connected to a cache of stolen casino chips.
10.10 CSI: NY. A crime-scene lab technician is murdered.
11.05 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A teenager's body is found in the Hudson River.

12.05 SuperCasino. **4.00** Great Artists. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Hana's Helpline. (R)

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ITV2
3.50 All Star Family Fortunes **4.50** You've Been Framed and Famous! **5.50** Film: Back to the Future Part II (1989) **8.00** The Planet's Funniest Animals **8.30** Sextuplets – The Little Lambs **9.30** Britain's Got More Talent **10.30** Celebrity Juice **11.15** Keith Lemon's LemonAid

ITV3
3.55 Film: The Secret Garden (1993) **5.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Chennai Super Kings v Kings XI Punjab and Kolkata Knight Riders v Royal Challengers Bangalore. **8.00** River Monsters **9.00** Film: Unforgiven (1992) Western, directed by and starring Clint Eastwood. **11.40** Film: Midnight Run (1988)

BBC THREE
7.00 Doctor Who **7.45** Doctor Who Confidential **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** World's Craziest Fools **9.30** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **10.15** Film: Adulthood (2008) **11.50** Family Guy

BBC FOUR
7.00 South Pacific **8.00** Around the World in 60 Minutes **9.00** The Bridge **11.00** Parkinson: The Richard Burton Interview **11.35** Top of the Pops: 1977

E4
3.00 Made in Chelsea **4.05** Charlie's Angels **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** Rules of Engagement **8.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.30** Happy Endings **9.00** Rude Tube: Animals and Kids **9.30** Film: Wayne's World (1992) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory

FILM4
3.05 The Thirty-Nine Steps (1959) **4.55** Picture Perfect (1997) **6.50** Only You (1994) Romantic comedy, with Marisa Tomei and Robert Downey Jr. **9.00** The Sixth Sense (1999) **11.05** Cloverfield (2008)

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ANTIQUES ROADSHOW

BBC1, 8pm

It's a well-known fact that Britain loves a good antique. You only have to take into consideration the longevity and popularity of this show, itself something of a much-treasured oldie, to see that it's true. This week, Fiona and the team head to the famed town of Stratford-upon-Avon, where with William Shakespeare's home so close by, they make a particular search for objects from the days of Elizabethan England. Up for examination are a dining table, a jewel said to have magical powers, and a portrait of Robert Dudley, First Earl of Leicester, and an important patron of theatre in the court of Elizabeth I.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Country Tracks; (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.00** Sunday Politics. **1.00** Cash in the Attic. (R) **1.30** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.15** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **3.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Human Planet. (R) **5.00** Points of View. **5.15** Songs of Praise.

6.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
6.25 Countryfile. Matt Baker spruces up beach huts in Southwold, Suffolk.
7.25 The Voice UK Results. Tom Jones and Will.i.am each lose one act.
8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the team head to Charlecote park, near Stratford-upon-Avon, the hometown of William Shakespeare, where they appraise objects from the days of Elizabethan England.
9.00 Silent Witness. Part one of two. Leo investigates the mysterious death of a psychiatric patient.
10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.25 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. Damian Lewis guest-hosts the current affairs quiz.
11.10 Room 101 — Extra Storage. With Gregg Wallace, Gabby Logan and Sarah Millican.
11.50 FILM: The Man Without a Face. (1993) Drama, starring Mel Gibson.

1.40 Weatherview. **1.45** Sign Zone: Empire. (R) **2.45** Holby City. (R) **3.45** Antiques Road Trip. (R) **4.30** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** The Little Paris Kitchen: Cooking with Rachel Khoo. (R) **12.00** Great British Menu. (R) **12.30** Live MotoGP. The Spanish Grand Prix race. **2.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. Further coverage of the second round in Sheffield.

6.00 The Hairy Bikers' Bakeation. Si King and Dave Myers travel through France, where they make tarte aux pralines, a savoury-stuffed brioche, apricot tarte Tatin and, of course, the traditional French baguette. (R)
7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Hazel Irvine and Rishi Persad present coverage of the final session on day nine at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre.
8.00 Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve. Spear fishing on Madagascar and the world's smallest national park.
9.00 Ewan McGregor: Cold Chain Mission. Part two of two. The actor travels the Congo river.
10.00 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Chelsea v Queens Park Rangers.
11.05 Grandma's House. Simon spots a chance to move out of his grandmother's house. (R)
11.35 Snooker: The World Championship. The final session on day nine at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre.

12.25 Snooker Extra. **2.25** BBC News. **4.30** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Dinner Date. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Ade in Britain. (R) **10.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **11.30** Long Lost Family. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.35** Britain's Got Talent. (R) **1.35** The Planet's Funniest Animals. (R) **2.05** The Planet's Funniest Animals. (R) **2.35** Film: Columbo: Murder with Too Many Notes. (2000) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk and Billy Connolly. **4.25** Film: Tea with Mussolini. (1999) Period comedy drama, starring Maggie Smith.

6.35 Regional News; Weather.
6.45 ITV News; Weather.
7.00 All Star Family Fortunes. Tottenham Hotspur strike r Jermain Defoe and his family compete against actress Martine McCutcheon and her relatives to win up to £30,000 for charity.
8.00 Vera. The detective investigates the murder of a popular social worker and an infamous past case involving the death of a child appears to hold the key to solving the mystery.
10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.
10.15 Perspectives: Wind in the Willows with Griff Rhys Jones. The actor and comedian explores the classic children's tale, delving into the history of the book and the life of its author Kenneth Grahame.
11.15 The Cube. A hurling instructor competes. (R)

12.10 The Store. (R) ITV News Headlines. **2.15** River Monsters. (R) **3.05** Motorsport UK. **3.55** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 Sali Mali. (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.10** Wheelchair Rugby Highlights: London Prepares. **8.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. **12.25** The Big Bang Theory. **12.55** The Big Bang Theory. **1.20** The Simpsons. (R) **1.45** The Simpsons. (R) **2.20** Film: Meet Dave. (2008) Premiere. Sci-fi comedy, starring Eddie Murphy. **4.00** Time Team. **5.00** Film: The Parent Trap. (1998) Comedy remake, starring Lindsay Lohan.

7.25 Channel 4 News.
7.55 4thought.tv. Imam Abdullah Hasan discusses how Islam can help people overcome depression.
8.00 Celebrity Deal or No Deal. Sarah Millican takes part in the game show, trying to guess the value of the mystery boxes and win up to £250,000 for her chosen charity. Hosted by Noel Edmonds.
9.00 Homeland. Saul visits Carrie in hospital after the explosion and finds her postulating frantically about Abu Nazir, but realises her theories have merit. Brody takes his family to Gettysburg.
10.05 FILM: The Bank Job. (2008) Fact-based crime thriller, starring Jason Statham and and Saffron Burrows.

12.20 Film: My Name Is Khan. (2010) Premiere. Drama, starring Shahrukh Khan. **2.30** Brain Damage. (R) **2.40** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.45** Smallville. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** City of Friends. (R) **6.35** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Abby's Flying Fairy School. **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Family! (R) **7.35** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.45** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.35** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.45** Mio Mao. (R) **8.50** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.05** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.20** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.35** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **10.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **10.20** Grey's Anatomy. (R) **11.15** Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge. (R) **12.15** Cowboy Traders. (R) **1.15** William and Kate: One Year On. (R) **2.20** Film: William & Kate. (2011) **4.05** Film: Scooby-Doo. (2002) **5.45** Film: Mulan. (1998) Disney animated adventure, with the voices of Ming-Na and Eddie Murphy.

7.30 5 News Weekend.
7.35 Ultimate Police Interceptors. (R)
8.00 Once Upon a Time.
9.00 FILM: A Perfect Getaway. (2009) Premiere. Thriller, starring Milla Jovovich.
10.45 FILM: An American Haunting. (2005) Fact-based period horror, starring Donald Sutherland.

12.30 The World of Stupid Criminals. (R) **1.05** SuperCasino. **4.00** UEFA Europa League Highlights. **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Hana's Helpline. (R)

Digital

ITV2
3.20 The Only Way Is Essex **4.50** Britain's Got Talent **5.50** Britain's Got More Talent **6.50** Film: The Incredible Hulk (2008) **9.00** Benidorm **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.45** Olly: Life on Murs **11.45** Film: GoldenEye (1995)

ITV3
3.45 Film: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (1971) **5.45** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** An Audience with Lionel Richie **9.00** Film: Caddyshack (1980) **11.00** Cracker

ITV4
11.00 British Touring Car Championship. Round three from Thruxton. **6.00** The Sweeney **7.00** Minder **8.00** River Monsters **9.00** Indian Premier League Cricket **10.00** Film: Get Carter (1971)

BBC THREE
7.00 Don't Blame the Dog **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Don't Tell the Bride USA **9.50** Don't Tell the Bride: Greatest Moments **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad!

BBC FOUR
7.00 Royal Institution Lectures **8.00** Shock and Awe: The Story of Electricity **9.00** Film: Tim (1979) **10.45** Mark Lawson Talks to Zoe Wanamaker **11.45** Royal Institution Lectures

E4
3.05 Ugly Betty **4.05** Glee **5.05** 90210 **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Film: Clueless (1995) **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** Made in Chelsea

FILM4
2.55 The Poseidon Adventure (1972) **5.15** Freaky Friday (1976) **7.10** My Super Ex-Girlfriend (2006). An insecure superhero is outraged when her boyfriend dumps her, and in revenge uses her powers to ruin his life. Fantasy comedy, starring Uma Thurman, Luke Wilson and Eddie Izzard. **9.00** Iron Man (2008). Superhero adventure, starring Robert Downey Jr, Jeff Bridges, Gwyneth Paltrow and Terrence Howard. **11.25** Young Frankenstein (1974)

the pulse

Monday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Heir Hunters. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Robbed, Raided, Reunited. **11.30** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **6.55** Party Election Broadcast. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** Bang Goes the Theory; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** EastEnders. **8.30** Madeleine: The Last Hope? – Panorama. **9.00** Silent Witness. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Match of the Day. **11.05** Late Kick Off. **11.35** The Graham Norton Show. (R) **12.25** Weatherview. **12.30** Sign Zone: Our Food. (R) **1.30** Toughest Place to Be a Fisherman. (R) **2.30** Antiques Road Trip. (R) **3.15** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **3.45** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.30** BBC World News. **12.00** Daily Politics. **1.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The opening session on day 10 in Sheffield. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Menu. **7.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The conclusion of the second round in Sheffield. **8.00** Chaplains: Angels of Mersey. **8.30** Home Cooking Made Easy. (R) **9.00** The 70s. **10.00** Sounds of the 70s 2 Troubadours – Peaceful Easy Feeling. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Snooker: The World Championship. **12.10** Snooker Extra. **2.10** BBC News. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Rosemary & Thyme. (R) **5.00** The Chase. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.25** Party Election Broadcast. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Coronation Street. **8.00** The Dales. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** Scott & Bailey. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** The Mighty Mississippi with Trevor McDonald. (R) **11.35** Babies Behind Bars. (R) **12.30** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.30** Champions League Weekly. **2.55** ITV Nightscreen. **4.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.10** Sali Mali. (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freshly Squeezed. **7.35** According to Jim. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.35** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Secret Millionaire Australia. (R) **10.00** Location, Location, Location. (R) **11.00** How to Haggle for a House. **12.00** Channel 4 News Midday Summary. **12.05** River Cottage Veg Heroes. **12.35** Channel 4 Presents – Liz Johnson "Magic Numbers". (R) **12.40** Glamour Puds. (R) **1.10** Film: Detective Story. (1951) Police drama, starring Kirk Douglas. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **8.00** Foxes Live: Wild in the City. **9.00** Embarrassing Bodies. **10.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. **11.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut. **11.45** Homeland. (R) **12.55** Random Acts. **1.00** Film: Udaan. (2010) Drama, starring Rajat Barmecha. **3.15** A Family Portrait. (R) **3.20** Film: Cry Havoc. (1943) Second World War drama, starring Margaret Sullavan. **5.00** Gone Fishing. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Giant Animal Moves. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** The Mentalist. (R) **3.15** Film: Mystery Woman: Mystery Weekend. (2005) Whodunit, starring Kellie Martin. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** Cowboy Traders; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** The Gadget Show: World Tour; 5 News at 9. **9.00** Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge. **10.00** 10 Things I Hate About 1987. **11.00** Film: A Perfect Getaway. (2009) Thriller, starring Milla Jovovich. **12.50** SuperCasino. **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS. (R)

Tuesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Heir Hunters. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Robbed, Raided, Reunited. **11.30** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **6.55** Party Election Broadcast. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Holby City. **9.00** Crimewatch. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather.; National Lottery Update. **10.35** The Matt Lucas Awards. **11.10** Crimewatch Update. **11.20** Kevin Bridges: What's the Story? (R) **11.50** The Estate. (R) **12.20** Weatherview. **12.25** Sign Zone: The Apprentice. (R) **1.25** Horizon: Out of Control? (R) **2.25** Antiques Road Trip. (R) **3.15** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **3.45** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.30** BBC World News. **12.00** Daily Politics. **1.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. Two quarter-finals get under way. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Menu. **7.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The second session of two quarter-finals. **8.00** The Hairy Bikers' Bakeation. **9.00** Meet the Romans with Mary Beard. **10.00** Later Live – with Jools Holland. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Snooker: The World Championship. **12.10** Snooker Extra. **2.10** BBC News. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Rosemary & Thyme. (R) **5.00** The Chase. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.25** Party Election Broadcast. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Countrywise Kitchen. **8.00** William and Kate: The First Year. **9.00** The Hunt for Bin Laden. **11.00** ITV News; Weather. **11.30** Regional News; Weather. **11.35** The Unforgettable Kenny Everett. (R) **12.05** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.35** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.00** The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** Sali Mali. (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freshly Squeezed. **7.35** According to Jim. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Secret Millionaire Australia. (R) **10.00** Location, Location, Location. (R) **11.00** How to Haggle for a House. **12.00** Channel 4 News Midday Summary. **12.05** River Cottage Veg Heroes. **12.35** Glamour Puds. (R) **1.05** The Kitchen Pharmacy. (R) **1.25** Film: The Desperadoes. (1943) Western, starring Glenn Ford. **3.05** Channel 4 Presents – Jonnie Peacock "Hit the Ground Running." (R) **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** Foxes Live: Wild in the City. **8.00** Supersize vs Superskinny. **9.00** Hidden Talent. **10.00** Facejacker. **10.35** Hit the Road Jack. **11.05** Alan Carr: Chatty Man. (R) **12.10** Random Acts. **12.15** Poker. **1.15** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **1.45** Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. **2.10** The Grid. (R) **2.35** British F3. (R) **3.05** Wheelchair Rugby Highlights: London Prepares. (R) **4.00** Freesports on 4. **4.25** Road to London 2012: Paralympics Extra. A preview of the Paralympic swimming events. (R) **5.20** Full Metal Challenge. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Giant Animal Moves. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** CSI: NY. (R) **3.15** Film: The Cradle Will Fall. (2004) Mystery, starring Angie Everhart. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** Dirty Great Machines; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** War Hero in My Family; 5 News at 9. **9.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. **10.00** CSI: NY. The team tries to track down a hitman. (R) **10.55** CSI: NY. (R) **11.55** CSI: Miami. (R) **12.50** SuperCasino. **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R)

Wednesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Heir Hunters. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Robbed, Raided, Reunited. **11.30** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** Drought 2012 – An Inside Out Special; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Traffic Cops. **9.00** The Apprentice. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** The National Lottery Wednesday Night Draws. **10.45** Film: Chicago. (2002) Musical, starring Renee Zellweger; National Lottery Update. **12.30** Weatherview. **12.35** Sign Zone: See Hear. (R) **1.05** Watchdog. (R) **2.05** Madeleine: The Last Hope? – Panorama. (R) **2.35** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **3.35** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **4.05** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.30** Daily Politics. **1.00** See Hear. **1.30** Live Snooker: The World Championship. Further quarter-final coverage from Sheffield. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Menu. **7.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The quarter-finals reach a conclusion in Sheffield. **8.00** Antiques Uncovered. **9.00** This World: The Shame of the Catholic Church. **10.00** The Apprentice: You're Fired. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Snooker: The World Championship. **12.10** Snooker Extra. **2.10** BBC News. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Rosemary & Thyme. (R) **5.00** The Chase. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** The Unforgettable Hughie Green. **8.00** The British Soap Awards 2012. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Leah's Dream. (R) **11.35** Total Emergency. (R) **12.30** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.30** British Touring Car Championship. **3.45** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freshly Squeezed. **7.35** According to Jim. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Secret Millionaire Australia. (R) **10.00** Location, Location, Location. (R) **11.00** How to Haggle for a House. **12.00** Channel 4 News Midday Summary. **12.05** River Cottage Veg Heroes. **12.35** Glamour Puds. (R) **1.05** Film: The Conqueror. (1956) Historical epic, starring John Wayne. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** Foxes Live: Wild in the City. **8.00** Four Rooms. **9.00** The Tallest Tower: Building the Shard. **10.00** The Killing. **10.55** 2 Broke Girls. **11.25** Desperate Housewives. **12.25** Random Acts. **12.35** Music on 4: Mercury Prize Sessions. **12.50** Music on 4: Rita Ora: Intro. **1.05** Music on 4: 4Play: Marina and the Diamonds. **1.15** Music on 4: Spotlight. **1.30** Music on 4: 4Play: Devin. **1.45** Music on 4: Launched at Red Bull Studios. (R) **2.00** Film: In the Mix. (2005) Crime comedy, starring Usher. **3.30** The Pizza Miracle. **3.55** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.45** Smallville. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Giant Animal Moves. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** CSI: NY. (R) **3.15** Film: 'Til Lies Do Us Part. (2007) Premiere. Thriller, starring Paula Trickey. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** The Gadget Show: World Tour; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** Cowboy Traders; 5 News at 9. **9.00** NCIS. **10.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. (R) **10.55** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. (R) **11.50** Poker: The Big Game. **12.50** SuperCasino. **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R)

Thursday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Heir Hunters. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Robbed, Raided, Reunited. **11.30** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** EastEnders. Mandy secretly visits Lorraine in hospital; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Watchdog. The team investigates a potential dangerous fault in a popular family car. Last in the series. **9.00** New Tricks. (R) **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Question Time. **11.35** Vote 2012. **4.00** Holiday Weatherview. **4.05** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.30** BBC World News. **12.00** Daily Politics. **1.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The opening session of the first semi-final. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Menu. **7.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The second semi-final gets under way. **9.00** Shakespeare in Italy. **10.00** Grandma's House. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Snooker: The World Championship. **12.10** Film: Tsotsi. (2005) South African Oscar-winning drama, with Presley Chweneyagae. **1.40** Film: The Lives of the Saints. (2006) Comedy drama, starring David Leon. **3.15** Close. **3.55** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** 60 Minute Makeover. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Rosemary & Thyme. (R) **5.00** The Chase. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** Long Lost Family. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Carol Vorderman. (R) **11.35** The Cube. (R) **12.30** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.00** The Trouble with Men: Tonight. (R) **3.25** ITV Nightscreen. **4.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freshly Squeezed. **7.30** According to Jim. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Secret Millionaire Australia. (R) **10.00** Location, Location, Location. (R) **11.00** How to Haggle for a House. **12.00** Channel 4 News Midday Summary. **12.05** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R) **12.35** Glamour Puds. (R) **1.05** The Kitchen Pharmacy. (R) **1.15** Channel 4 Presents – Lee Pearson. (R) **1.20** Film: The Ladykillers. (1955) Ealing black comedy, starring Alec Guinness. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** Foxes Live: Wild in the City. **8.00** The World's Largest Snake. **9.00** The Hoarder Next Door. **10.00** Extreme A&E. **11.05** Random Acts. **11.10** Bin Laden: Shoot to Kill. (R) **12.45** Embarrassing Bodies. (R) **1.40** Hidden Talent. (R) **2.35** Girls on the Pull. (R) **3.05** Unreported World. (R) **3.30** The Secret Life of Buildings. (R) **4.25** My Eden. (R) **4.35** Time Team. (R) **5.30** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Dangerous Drivers' School. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** CSI: NY. (R) **3.15** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **3.20** Film: They Come Back. (2007) Supernatural drama, starring Mia Kirshner. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** Police Interceptors; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** World's Scariest Flights; 5 News at 9. **9.00** The Restaurant Inspector. **10.00** Film: Four Weddings and a Funeral. (1994) A man's misfortunes in love look set to change when he meets an American beauty at a wedding. Richard Curtis's romantic comedy, starring Hugh Grant, Andie MacDowell and John Hannah. **12.25** SuperCasino. **4.25** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R)

Friday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Heir Hunters. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Robbed, Raided, Reunited. **11.30** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show; BBC News. **8.00** EastEnders. **8.30** Would I Lie to You? **9.00** Have I Got News for You. **9.30** Not Going Out. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** The Graham Norton Show. **11.20** The National Lottery Friday Night Draws. **11.30** The Matt Lucas Awards. (R) **12.05** EastEnders. **2.00** Weatherview. **2.05** Sign Zone: Titanic with Len Goodman. (R) **2.35** Countryfile. (R) **3.30** Question Time. (R) **4.30** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.30** CBeebies. **11.30** BBC World News. **12.00** Vote 2012. **1.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. Further semi-final coverage from Sheffield. **2.00** Vote 2012. **3.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. Further semi-final coverage from Sheffield. **5.00** Vote 2012. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Great British Menu. **7.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The penultimate session of the opening semi-final. **9.00** Maestro at the Opera. **10.00** QI. **10.30** Newsnight. **11.00** Weather. **11.05** Later with Jools Holland. **12.10** Snooker: The World Championship. **1.00** Taken. (R) **2.25** BBC News. **4.30** Close.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

4. Needle without an eye? (7)
8. Drop it, perhaps, being apathetic (6)
9. Gets the better of the teachers? (7)
10. Very much the opposite (6)
11. Really can fit when adjusted properly (2,4)
12. Car owner in distress, and showing it! (8)
18. Hide inside bandsmen's concert instruments (8)
20. He makes things hot for his employer (6)
21. There's no telling if it is to be kept (6)
22. Fight with some noise like a bird (7)
23. Foresee six coming in to eat (6)
24. Where to obtain a degree in common talk (7)

Down

1. The type inclined to emphasise (7)
2. They give people their addresses (7)
3. The pattern of old China (6)
5. If you lose them, you're lost! (8)
6. Released — or shot (3,3)
7. Smart evergreen (6)
13. Garment worn out (8)
14. Prepare to travel in a decent raincoat (7)
15. Seats one pays for (7)
16. A state of perfection (6)
17. They weren't worn long during the Sixties (6)
19. He takes orders and forms a circle (6)

Quick Clues:

Across

4. Recipe (7)
8. Wonder (6)
9. Law (7)
10. Kidnap (6)
11. Originate (6)
12. Scowling (8)
18. Not obligatory (8)
20. To journey (6)
21. To still (6)
22. To cloy (7)
23. Get down (6)
24. Fruit course (7)

Down

1. Lovable (7)
2. Boring tool (7)
3. Swordsman (6)
5. Unqualified (8)
6. Purpose (6)
7. Hidden (6)
13. Image worshipper (8)
14. Magnify (7)
15. A region's weather (7)
16. Decorated (6)
17. Evades (6)
19. Models of perfection (6)

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Photography; 9 Ire; 10 Pentagram; 11 Essay; 13 Rancour; 14 Nuance; 16 Stairs; 18 Ingrate; 19 Again; 20 Extra hand; 21 Don; 22 Presumption. Down: 2 Hoe; 3 Tipsy; 4 Gentry; 5 Against; 6 Harmonica; 7 Fire engines; 8 Imprisoning; 12 Slaughter; 15 Cravats; 17 Becalm; 19 Audit; 21 Duo. QUICK - Across: 1 Opprobrious; 9 Bet; 10 Plausible; 11 Tacky; 13 Expanse; 14 Untidy; 16 Advise; 18 Time-lag; 19 Fight; 20 Variegate; 21 Era; 22 Institution. Down: 2 Put; 3 Reply; 4 Brazen; 5 Insipid; 6 Unbending; 7 Obstructive; 8 Deferential; 12 Catamaran; 15 Dullest; 17 Aghast; 19 Fleet; 21 Ego.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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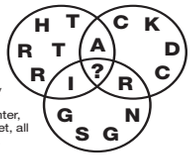
Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is P. Pointer, spaniel, whippet, all breeds of dog.

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There's hope for the silent sufferers

It's hard to imagine after losing natural teeth things could ever be quite the same again.

Denture wearers for too long have often tolerated a catalogue of unresolved problems from poor stabilisation, where prosthetics move on the gums, to an inability to eat a healthy diet.

Added to the physical challenges are the carefully hidden embarrassing moments and the restrictions of being able to live life impulsively. These issues are further compounded for some by an emotionally corrosive inability to smile feely.

Denturist Steven Burchell DipCDT RCS (Eng), who heads the team at the Denture Clinic in North Street, Dudley, says: "For some, losing teeth is life changing and not for the better."

But he is keen to send out a message of hope to the silent sufferers with four major treatment models now available at his clinic aimed at reversing "an untold catalogue of misfortunes" and restoring a warm and engaging smile.

Added to the comprehensive clinical toolbox of solutions – which includes traditional dentures; a cleverly designed suction denture which is held in place by tiny diaphragms creating a vacuum between the gums and teeth; and implant retained dentures – is a system known as All-on-4.

In this feature we take a snapshot of each procedure and in accessible language explain the clinical options available from Mr Burchell and his team.

Transformations

And coming soon, the clever teeth you don't have to take out to clean . . .

REMOVABLE DENTURES

ARE they real, or are they false? With cutting-edge technology it's hard to know the difference between natural teeth and clever dentures.

Clinic principal Steve Burchell, whose work has attracted interest from as far as away as Spain, the Isle of Skye, Eastbourne and North Wales, is driving hard a message of hope, which is helping to change the image of false teeth and the people who wear them.

Mr Burchell DipCDT RCS(Eng), says: "It's my experience that there are too many people putting up with ill-fitting dentures. With lips that are pinched, lower dentures with excessive mobility allowing food ingression between the plate and the gums, sore spots and teeth that do not function well, it's no wonder so many wearers feel at a loss in their search for solutions to their problems.

But the clinician, who has earned a country-wide reputation as a 'smile mechanic', is buoyant about the future for solutions with dentures.

He passionately embraces what her calls "the denture revolution" offering traditional denture wearers precise fittings with the latest injection moulding techniques and natural-looking teeth that are functional too.

"We desperately want people to know there is a solution for most problems. The clinic has a vast wealth of experience to draw upon and we promise to give as much time as people need to resolve issues with the best clinical outcomes," Mr Burchell adds.

IMPLANT RETAINED

A GROWING number of satisfied patients have found a renewed confidence by ditching their traditional dentures for implant retained dentures.

The procedure that became an established form of dentistry in the United States in recent years can now be carried out with the Denture Clinic – and the transition can mean new teeth, which can function just as if they were your own.

Fixed with small titanium screw-like mechanisms that are set, and eventually fused into the bone, they act an effective substitute for the roots of your missing teeth.

Implantologist, Mr Jon Pugh BDS MSc, with whom the clinic has a long-established working relationship, undertakes all the surgical procedures.

Research reveals that as little as two dental implants in the lower jaw will significantly stabilise the prosthetic. A similar procedure can secure the upper teeth, normally with four implant fixings.

The dentures can be snapped on and off their fixings by the patient and provide a guaranteed solution for stabilisation problems.

Advantages include a harmonious fit with gums, the possibility of improved speech and taste, natural chewing function and bite, no more tilting and the end of pressure spot discomfort, restored chewing ability, improved diet, the end of further jaw bone erosion and the smile of your dreams.

ALL-ON-4

A treatment pioneered in Portugal that offers denture wearers teeth that never have to be taken out for cleaning is arriving at the clinic in the New Year. Known as All-on-4, the system embraces implant technology with just four securing post supporting a titanium framework of teeth.

ULTRA SUCTION

The Ultra Suction system is suitable for both upper and lower prosthetics

Suction offers a new solution

A cutting-edge development to help resolve the stability problems faced by thousands of denture wearers is being offered at the Denture Clinic.

The invention has the potential to improve the life quality of patients who have previously experienced long-term problems with ill-fitting dentures.

Prosthetics are held in place by tiny valve-operated suction devices which are built into the dentures.

A clever diaphragms principle, triggered by the bite pressure on patients' gums, creates a 'sucking' vacuum between the soft-tissue mouth lining and the prosthetic.

Expectations

Mr Burchell, whose clinic attracts patients from as far as Spain, the Isle of Skye and the Isle of Anglesey, adds: "The denture revolution is evolving at a pace. In recent times we have seen what I can only describe as strident steps forward with implant-retained dentures coming into main-stream dentistry, clever technology which allows excellent fitting outcomes and now the Ultra Suction product.

"Implant dentistry is not suitable for everyone, neither is it all patients' first preference. The beauty of this technology from New Zealand is that it offers excellent denture retainer qualities without surgery.

"We have always endeavoured to be on the very cusp of clinical development and this is another tool in our commitment to always try to deliver results which are greater than patient expectations," adds Mr Burchell.

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Two driveways a boost for parking

A FAMILY house in Penn, Wolverhampton – with two driveways providing extensive off-road parking – is on the market based on offers around £239,950.

The property in Witton Road benefits from a flexible layout with the potential to use the sitting room on the ground floor as a fourth bedroom.

Witton Road is just off the Penn Road (A449) close to its junction with Coalway Road and with a wide variety of local amenities and schooling.

The house has double glazed windows and gas fired central heating, and agents say it would benefit from a limited scheme of modernisation to realise its full potential.

Terrace

On the ground floor is a guest cloakroom with white suite, while the large lounge has a ceramic tiled fireplace and double doors to the dining room which has a door to the garden.

There is also a sitting room, and the kitchen has a ranger of wall and base mounted units.

On the first floor the main bedroom has a bank of fitted wardrobes, and there are two other bedrooms and a bathroom with panelled bath with shower over, WC and wash basin.

Outside there is a front garden with shaped lawn with retaining wall and driveways to either side, a garage to the one side and access on the other through double gates via an area of hardstanding to the rear garden with patio, shaped lawn, well stocked and mature beds and borders and a paved terrace to the rear with timber garden shed.

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This good-sized semi-detached in Wednesfield is available

Semi-detached is priced at £125,000

VIEWING is highly recommended on this semi-detached property in Ridge Lane, of Linthouse Lane, Wednesfield.

Offers in the region of £125,000 are being invited for the house, which has a generous lounge with adjoining dining room, fitted kitchen, inner hallway with utility area, ground floor WC, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom with bath and separate shower, front and rear gardens and side garage area.

On the ground floor the lounge, 11ft 8in by 10ft 6in, has an electric fire and door to the dining room – 13ft 5in by 13ft 6in – with a living flame gas fire and patio doors to the rear.

The kitchen, 13ft 1in by 5ft 9in, has a range of fitted wall and base units with roll top work surfaces and one and a half drawer sink.

On the first floor are three bedrooms and a bathroom with low flush toilet, panel bath, walk-in shower cubicle and pedestal wash basin.

Outside to the front is a pebbled of-road parking area, with a lawned area and paved area to the side and to the rear a paved area, lawn, surrounding trees, plants ansd shrubs and ornamental pond.

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COMPTON

• Exceptionally attractive detached residence in lovely mature plot with delightful gardens within select locality with excellent amenities conveniently available and easy direct access into city centre • Immaculately presented accommodation featuring expensively appointed specification and stylish decorative finishes. Impeccable! • Fitted Cloakroom off Hall • Spacious through Lounge with marble fireplace • Separate Dining Room • Versatile additional Sitting Room with marble fireplace • Exquisite Kitchen with integrated Bosch appliances and adjacent Utility / Laundry • Huge Master Bedroom (originally two rooms and easily reconverted) with luxurious Shower Room en-suite • Two further Bedrooms and lavish principal Bathroom • Gas-fired central heating • Double-width Garage plus forecourt parking • Beautifully landscaped gardens are outstanding feature, west-facing to rear.

£399,950

CODSALL

• Exceptionally attractive detached residence in lovely private setting at end of cul-de-sac on the edge of the village with fine views over adjoining open fields but within half a mile of its central amenities • Impressively proportioned accommodation with comfortably appointed specification providing ideal basis for family occupation • Fitted Cloakroom off Hall • Lounge with Adam-style marble fireplace • Separate Sitting Room and formal Dining Room • Spacious Breakfast Kitchen with extensive fittings and integrated appliances plus adjacent Utility / Laundry • Master Bedroom with built-in wardrobes and en-suite Shower Room • Three further Bedrooms, all with wardrobes • Large principal Bathroom with five-piece suite • Gas-fired central heating • Double glazed windows • Double-width Garage plus block-paved forecourt parking facilities • Neatly landscaped garden with delightful countryside aspects.

OFFERS AROUND £399,950

WIGHTWICK

• Excellent opportunity! Traditional-style detached house on large plot in superb location on the western fringe of the city with lovely views over open countryside • Spacious accommodation with considerable potential to enlarge, upgrade and modernise presently dated specification • Two interlinking Living Rooms • Conservatory • Breakfast Kitchen • Side Lobby with fitted Cloakroom • Four double Bedrooms (three with built-in wardrobes) • Bathroom including shower • Gas-fired central heating • Virtually full double glazing • Garage plus forecourt parking • Widening plot gives particularly generous rear garden with favoured south-westerly aspect • Overall plot area roughly one third of an acre.

OFFERS AROUND £349,950

CODSALL

• Superb modern-style detached residence on prominent corner plot in exclusive neighbourhood with the village centre, railway station and excellent amenities all within easy walking distance • Beautifully presented accommodation of spacious layout and impressively appointed specification • Fitted Cloakroom off Hall • Lounge with ornate feature fireplace • Open plan to 20ft Dining Room • Lavishly equipped Kitchen including integrated appliances • Stylish Conservatory • Four Bedrooms (three with wardrobes) • Smart white Bathroom plus fully fitted independent Shower Room • Gas-fired central heating systems • Double glazed windows • 24ft Garage incorporating Laundry Area • Cobble-effect forecourt parking facilities • Lovely landscaped gardens, south-facing to rear.

OFFERS AROUND £299,950

CODSALL

• Stylish modern detached residence attractively positioned in small private service road with pleasant open outlook and convenient access to broad selection of local amenities • Excellent contemporary specification offers very comfortably appointed family home • Fitted Cloakroom off Hall • Bay-fronted Lounge with classical-style marble fireplace • Separate Dining Room • Elegant Conservatory • Spacious Breakfast Kitchen with adjoining Laundry • Master Bedroom with copious built-in wardrobes and smart contemporary-style Shower Room en-suite • Three further Bedrooms (two with wardrobes) • House Bathroom including shower • Gas-fired central heating • Double-glazed windows • Garage, Carport and forecourt parking • Neatly landscaped gardens.

OFFERS AROUND £299,950

PENN FIELDS

• Exceptionally attractive detached residence offering excellent five-Bedroomed family accommodation in pleasant neighbourhood with particularly easy access to local amenities and city centre • Extended layout of generous proportions, nicely presented throughout with lovely blend of traditional character and comfortably appointed modern specification • Porch and Hall • Two Living Rooms • 18ft Breakfast Kitchen with extensive range of fittings • Laundry / Cloaks / Shower Room • Master Bedroom with built-in wardrobes and elegant contemporary-style Shower Room en-suite • Four further Bedrooms • Family Bathroom including shower • Gas-fired central heating • Virtually full double glazing • Large Garage plus two driveway parking facilities • Southerly aspect rear garden.

OFFERS AROUND £294,950

WOMBOURNE

OUNSDALE ROAD Interesting Detached Period Cottage set in elevated position off Ounsdale Road, handy for all facilities • Standing in delightfully established grounds of just under one third of an acre • Offering tremendous scope to create comfortable family home but requiring a comprehensive scheme of refurbishment/updating • Hall • Two spacious Reception Rooms • Breakfast Kitchen with modern style units • GF Cloakroom/Shower Room • Rear Lobby/Utility • Small Cellar • Garden Room/Greenhouse • 3 Bedrooms and Box Room • Bathroom with modern style suite • Gas CH and uPVC double glazing • Garage • Range of outbuildings (in need of attention) • an ideal improvement project ••NO UPWARD CHAIN••

OFFERS AROUND £290,000

MERRY HILL

• Attractively presented and considerably enlarged 4 Bedroom Traditional Detached family home in pleasantly established setting near to local facilities and public transport with schools on hand close by • Well proportioned interior features: Reception Hall with fitted Guest's Cloakroom/Shower Room off • Two Reception Rooms, one with attractive period style fireplace and living flame gas fire • Spacious Dining Kitchen, neatly fitted with a range of modern units • Utility • • 4 good Bedrooms, one with fitted wardrobes • Bathroom with white suite • Gas CH and uPVC double glazing • Garage • Block-paved driveway/parking area • Generous sized established rear garden with timber decking and several sheds/playhouse

OFFERS AROUND £289,950

SEDGLEY

High Park Crescent Outstanding trad style 4 Bed, 2 Bath Detached set in highly regarded residential neighbourhood on outskirts of Sedgley, convenient for town centre facilities and easily accessible to Wolverhampton, Dudley and schools of all grades • Exceptionally attractive interior, stylishly presented and appointed to a particularly high standard • Porch and Hall with 'Oak' flooring • Fitted Guest's Cloaks • Elegant Lounge • Absolutely stunning open plan Family Room and Kitchen providing almost 500 sq. ft of living space incorporating a superb fitted kitchen area • uPVC double glazed Conservatory • Utility Lobby • Small Garage Store • Gallerried Landing • Master Bedroom with En-Suite • 3 further Bedrooms • Contemporary style House Bathroom • Gas CH and uPVC double glazing • Off-Road Parking • Sizeable rear garden

OFFERS AROUND £284,950

WOMBOURNE

4 OUNSDALE ROAD Comprehensively refurbished, usefully enlarged and beautifully appointed 4 Bed Detached, conveniently positioned just off the village centre and handy for local shopping, schools and other amenities • Interior inspection highly recommended to appreciate quality of finish • Hall • 24ft Lounge • Enormous 23ft Dining Kitchen with a range of stylish units and integrated appliances • Utility with Fitted Cloaks off • Master Bedroom with small En-Suite Shower • 3 further Bedrooms • Luxury House Bathroom with bath and shower • Gas CH and uPVC double glazing • Garage Store (16ft x 6ft 3") • Professionally landscaped Gardens • Fitted Carpets

PRICE: £239,950 •NO CHAIN•

WOMBOURNE

BUMBLEHOLE MEADOWS • Elegantly designed modern style 3 Bed Detached, pleasantly positioned in consistently popular development, convenient for excellent village facilities and short walk to schools • Stylishly upgraded with excellent range of contemporary appointments • Hall with Fitted Guest's Cloaks • Lounge • Spacious uPVC double glazed Conservatory • Superbly refitted Kitchen with integrated Zanussi appliances • Bedroom 1 with wardrobes and En-Suite • 2 further Bedrooms, one with wardrobes • House Bathroom • Garage • Gas CH and uPVC double glazing • Landscaped rea garden with backdrop of trees

OFFERS AROUND £219,950

WOMBOURNE

Orton Lane Well-proportioned modern style 3 Bed Semi delightfully positioned in lee of Orton Hills within sought after residential position on northern periphery of village, handy for comprehensive village centre facilities, schools and supermarket shopping • Standing slightly elevated with driveway/off-road parking, Garage and Workshop to front • Split level layout • Reception Hall • 22ft Lounge/Dining Room • Well-fitted Kitchen • uPVC double glazed Conservatory • Bedroom 1 with fitted furniture • Bathroom • Lower floor two further Bedrooms • Fitted Cloakroom • Gas CH and uPVC double glazing • Extensive terraced gardens to rear with backdrop of trees ••NO UPWARD CHAIN••

OFFERS AROUND £194,950

WOMBOURNE

SYTCH LANE • Usefully enlarged modern style 2 Bed Semi-Detached Dormer Bungalow, delightfully positioned in traditionally exclusive surroundings, convenient for excellent village facilities • Ideally in need of some cosmetic upgrading • Porch & Entrance Hall • Fitted Guest's Cloaks • Spacious Lounge with fitted gas fire • Dining Room • Breakfast Area and Kitchen • Bedroom 2 with fitted wardrobes • First Floor Bedroom 1 with wardrobes • Bathroom with overbath shower • Integral Garage • Gas CH and double glazing • Pleasantly established private rear garden ••NO UPWARD CHAIN••

OFFERS AROUND £184,950

WEST PARK

• Individual detached residence of quaint period cottage styling, pleasantly positioned adjoining and overlooking the park and ideally placed for easy access into city centre • Faded exterior conceals surprisingly stylish accommodation with retained traditional features and distinctive contemporary decor combining most attractively • Bay-fronted Lounge • Separate Dining Room • Smart modern Kitchen • Three well proportioned Bedrooms (two with ranges of fitted wardrobes) • Bathroom including shower •Gas-fired central heating • Forecourt parking facilities • South-west facing garden including workshop with wc.

OFFERS AROUND £175,000

PENN

• Prominently positioned traditional-style semi enjoying far-reaching outlook from elevated setting on impressively wide-frontaged corner plot in much favoured neighbourhood • Superbly presented accommodation of generous proportions and attractively appointed specification • Two Living Rooms, each with distinctive marble fireplace • Particularly stylish Kitchen with range of integrated appliances • Three good Bedrooms • Spacious Bathroom with smart white suite including shower • Gas-fired central heating • Upvc-framed double glazed windows • Forecourt parking • Garage including Laundry Area • Nicely landscaped patio-style rear garden with southerly aspect.

OFFERS AROUND £169,950

MERRIDALE ROAD

• Imposing Victorian three-storey end-terraced residence of considerable appeal, conveniently located in pleasant neighbourhood about half a mile west of the city centre • Particularly spacious accommodation of distinctive period character, very nicely presented with comfortably appointed modern specification • Two Living Rooms • Stylish Kitchen • Four generous Bedrooms • Ground floor Bathroom • First floor Shower Room • Gas-fired central heating • Double glazed windows • Attractively landscaped garden with variety of paved, gravelled and planted finishes • Off-road parking facilities from rear access.

OFFERS AROUND £168,500

TETTENHALL

• Very spacious ground floor apartment in the exclusive Highgrove sheltered retirement complex with convenient access to excellent amenities at Upper Green and Tettenhall Wood • Versatile accommodation of generously proportioned layout and comfortably appointed specification • Large Living Room • Well fitted Kitchen including integrated appliances • Two double Bedrooms, both with wardrobes • Bathroom including shower • Gas-fired central heating • Double glazed windows • Delightful patio garden and lovely views over picturesque grounds.

OFFERS AROUND £165,000

PENN

• Very attractive traditional-style semi offering excellent accommodation in particularly popular neighbourhood within the highly favoured south-western suburbs of the city • Extended layout retaining lovely original character features and combining with stylish modern specification to delightful effect • Porch and Hall • Bay-fronted Sitting Room • Living / Dining Room • Spacious Breakfast Kitchen with fine range of fittings and appliances • Three well proportioned Bedrooms • Smart white Bathroom including shower • Gas-fired central heating • Double glazed windows • Cobble-effect forecourt parking facilities • Nicely landscaped garden including brick-and-tile Workshop / Store.

OFFERS AROUND £164,950

WOMBOURNE

Millers Vale Superbly presented modern style 3 Bed Semi in pleasant cul-de-sac position on consistently popular Poolhouse Farm development, convenient for village facilities and within walking distance of supermarket shopping • Stylishly fitted interior • Hall • Cosy Lounge with ornate Adam style fireplace and living flame gas fire • Dining Area • Neatly fitted Kitchen with appliances • 3 Bedrooms; Bathroom with white suite and overbath shower • Gas CH and uPVC double glazing • Garage and Utility • Imaginatively laid out, hard landscaped gardens

OFFERS AROUND £159,950

FINCHFIELD

• Second floor flat in modern style block pleasantly positioned within much favoured locality with excellent amenities in convenient walking distance and easy access into city centre • Upgraded specification provides very well appointed accommodation of comfortably proportioned layout • Spacious Living Room with Dining Area • Nicely presented contemporary-style Kitchen including integrated appliances • Two double Bedrooms (one with built-in wardrobes) • Smart white Bathroom including shower • Gas-fired central heating to radiators • Upvc-framed double glazed windows • Garage in adjacent court • Service charge payable.

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A two bedroom detached park home comprising lounge, kitchen, bathroom, double glazing and gas central heating. Front and side gardens with off road parking.

Grasmere Avenue, Perton

£115,000 NO CHAIN

Semi detached one bedroom, gallery bungalow. The property consists of lounge, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom. There are front and rear gardens an allocated off road parking.

Tamar Grove, Perton

£115,000 No Chain

End terrace home, briefly consists of lounge, kitchen and conservatory, on the ground floor. Upstairs there are two bedrooms and bathroom. There is a rear garden with timber decking.

Sedgefield Grove, Perton

offers over £130,000 NO CHAIN

• No Upward Chain • End terraced three bedroom property with garage. The property consists of lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom and single garage. There are front and rear gardens and off road parking.

Gorsty Hayes, Codsall

£165,000 NO CHAIN

Three bedroom semi-detached home, comprising lounge, dining room and kitchen on the ground floor and upstairs there is family bathroom. There are front and rear gardens, single garage and off road parking.

Leasowe Avenue, Perton

OIRO £230,000 NO CHAIN

Three bedroom home. The property consists of lounge, dining room, conservatory, kitchen, utility, cloaks, ensuite to master, and bathroom. There are front and rear gardens and single garage.

Lime Tree Road, Codsall

OIRO £135,000 REDUCED

Three bedroom terraced home, this has been extended and improved, consists of lounge, dining room, extended kitchen on the ground floor and family bathroom upstairs. There are front and rear gardens with off road parking.

Pendeford Mill Lane, Codsall

£150,000 REDUCED

Extended three bedroom semi-detached comprises lounge, sitting room, reception three/study, kitchen and upstairs bathroom, courtyard style rear garden, workshop and single garage.

Waveney Avenue, Perton

£130,000 REDUCED

Semi detached bungalow. This "Jephson" property is being sold with no purchaser restrictions. Accomodation comprises lounge, two bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom and conservatory. No chain

St. Andrews Drive, Perton

£220,000 REDUCED

Detached four bedroom home on Perton's outer Parkway. Comprising lounge, dining/kitchen, shower room, utility and upstairs family bathroom. There is an integral garage and off road parking.

Cheriton Grove, Perton

£180,000 NEW

The extended accomodation comprises lounge/ dining room, family room, 21 foot kitchen and downstairs cloaks. Upstairs there are three bedrooms and family bathroom.

There is off road parking for several cars.

CODSALL PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

Evergreen House, Codsall Wood

£380,000 Recentrly reduced by £20,000

This detached property comprises of lounge, dining room/ second reception, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, conservatory. four bedrooms, ensuite to the master, and bathroom. There is rear garden, integral single garage and block paved driveway.

PERTON PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

Hall End Lane, Pattingham

A five bedroom detached property comprising lounge, kitchen/ breakfast room, utility, three en-suite bathrooms and family bathroom. Integral garage and off road parking. LIMITED TIME ONLY £70,000 REDUCED!!! PART EXCHANGE CONSIDERED.

£399,950

Bowen-Cooke Avenue, Perton

£240,000

Freehold four bedroom detached property, comprising of two reception rooms. utility, kitchen, en-suite, bathroom, rear garden and off road parking. Double glazing and central heating.

Corfe Close, Perton

£240,000

Freehold four bedroom detached property, converted garage, downstairs wc/utitlty/ensuite, central heating and double glazing

Cornovian Close, Perton

£230,000

Four bedroom detached property comprises lounge, kitchen/diner, conservatory, utility and cloaks, downstairs. Upstairs there are four bedrooms and family bathroom. The rear garden is laid mostly to lawn and the front is block paved, leading to the single garage,

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Hornbeam Lodge, Wolverhampton Road, Shareshill

£475,000

Barn conversion set within secure gated access. Comprising: refitted guest wc, lounge, refitted kitchen diner, utility room, four bedrooms, refitted en-suite and refitted bathroom. Driveway with landscaped grounds.

White Oak Drive, Wolverhampton

£130,000

Three bedroom mid terraced comprising of:- through lounge/dining room, L shaped kitchen, bathroom and gardens to the front and rear. Benefiting from central heating and double glazing

York Avenue, Wolverhampton

Four bedroom semi detached property with 17ft lounge, 14ft dining room and 20ft kitchen! There is also an utility room, downstairs WC and shower room as well as an upstairs family bathroom and study. With gas radiator heating, double glazed windows to the majority, a garage and a rear garden, viewing is a must !

£265,000

Pinfold Grove, Penn

£165,000 **OPEN DAY**

•• OPEN DAY SATURDAY 5TH MAY, CALL OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS •• Three bedroom traditional semi detached house with space to extend to the side and rear of the property located in the Penn area of Wolverhampton. The property is in close proximity to local amenities including shops, schools and bus routes, and comprises two receptions rooms, kitchen, downstairs wc, family bathroom, driveway with car port, and front and rear gardens.

St Philips Avenue, Wolverhampton

£130,000

NO CHAIN! Three bedroom semi detached property with two reception rooms, kitchen, utility room and bathroom. The property has a pleasant rear garden and parking to the front leading to an garage.

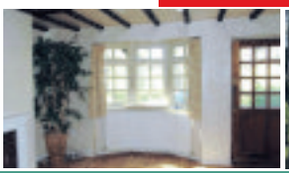
Rochford Grove, Wolverhampton

NO CHAIN Three bedroom link detached property within cul-de-sac located in Penn. The property has two reception rooms, kitchen and bathroom. The property is double glazed and has gas radiator heating, there is a 16ft garage and both front and rear gardens.

£165,000

Codsall Road, Wolverhampton

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK



£140,000

NO CHAIN ! Parking at the rear and 100ft Rear garden! Excellent oppurtunity to acquire this two bedroom cottage which overlooks a park to the front and has far reaching views of Wolverhampton from the rear upstairs balcony and conservatory. The accommadation consists of lounge, kitchen diner, two bedrooms one with a dressing room /conservatory which opens up to the rear balcony, there is also a bathroom to the first floor, the property has a 100ft rear garden and parking to the rear,

Oxbarn Avenue, Wolverhampton

£125,000

No chain! Three bedroom semi detached property with two reception rooms, kitchen, separate utility room, upstairs bathroom and separate shower room. There are both front and rear gardens.

Wrenbury Drive, Bilston

£117,500

No chain! Three bedroom three storey semi detached property with lounge, kitchen, ground floor cloakroom, bathroom and dressing area and ensuite shower room to master bedroom.

Gatis Street, Wolverhampton

£100,000

NO CHAIN! Three bedroom detached residence situated on a modern development. The property has lounge, kitchen and bathroom and has a rear garden and own driveway.

St Edmunds Close, Wolverhampton

£95,000

NO CHAIN! Three bedroom terraced property in cul-de-sac lcation situated off Riches Street in Newbridge, Wolverhampton. The property has an lounge, kitchen diner and two verandahs. There is a shower room as well as ground floor WC and there is a rear garden.

Ashbourne Road, Wolverhampton

£90,000

NO CHAIN! Two bedroom terraced property having undergone a refurbishment program including modern fitted kitchen as well as shower room. Central heating and double glazing.

Banstead Close, Wolverhampton

£90,000

Three bedroom terraced property with lounge, kitchen diner and conservatory to the rear opening onto the rear garden. The property has both modern fitted kitchen and bathroom and has a parking space to the front.

Ettingshall Road, Woodcross

£70,000

One bedroom first floor flat within purpose built block comprising lounge, re fitted kitchen, fitted bathroom with shower, communal gardens and parking within roadside bays.

The Lindens, Newbridge Crescent

£65,000

Two bedroom ground floor flat within purpose built block is located within this poplar leafy residential area. Breifly comprising of:- reception room, fitted kitchen, fitted bathroom and single garage in separate block.

Neachells Lane, Wolverhampton

£59,950

No chain on this three bedroom terraced property with two reception rooms, kitchen and ground floor bathroom.

54 Austin Street, Wolverhampton

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Time to get sowing your vegetable seeds

APRIL is the month when it's all systems go and sowing seeds is at its peak. If March was colder than average you can always catch up with sowing of parnips, peas, onions, summer cabbages and cauliflower as soon as possible.

Later in the month you can sow seeds of leeks, Brussels sprouts and autumn cabbage in short rows in a seedbed ready for transplanting to their final position later.

For all sowings in soil it pays to improve the soil structure of the seedbed with a soil conditioner or bags of Miracle-Gro Organic Choice Peat-Free Compost.

Rake a narrow drill and add the organic matter which should then be raked into the soil. After watering the row, sow the seed thinly and fill in to level the soil and pat down.

At this year's RHS Chelsea Flower Show schoolchildren from around the country are growing flowers, fruit and vegetables to display on the Miracle Growers gardens in the Grand Pavilion on stands E2 and E3.

The theme this year will reflect their interest in The Queen's Diamond Jubilee and as such they have been challenged to grow as many red, white and blue plants as possible.

Colours

Potatoes from Marshall's Seeds will be grown in the royal colours using varieties such as Purple Majesty, Red Duke of York and pure white Rocket.

Radish will hopefully show these colours using Scarlet Globe from Suttons Seeds, Amethyst from Dobies and Ping Pong from DT Brown.

Following a similar colour theme, carrots in orange, purple and white provided by Mr Fothergill's Harlequin F1 should also be on show.

You can keep up to date with their Chelsea progress on www.lovethegarden.com/schools .

Hopefully, tomatoes growing in hanging baskets will also be on show at the end of May and schools with heated greenhouses are trying Tumbling Tom Yellow (Suttons), Cherry Falls (DT Brown) and Red Alert (T&M).

Nurseries

For your own crop of tomatoes you will need to buy seedling plants from nurseries and garden centres so they can be grown on in individual pots of Miracle-Gro Gro Your Own Vegetable & Fruit Compost.

You can start buying small plants of sweet peppers and aubergine now, pot them on into larger pots and have good sized plants ready to plant in Miracle-Gro Gro Your Own Giant Planters.

● Words and photographs supplied by John Clowes, of The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company.

Topical tips

Strawberries will now start to flower ready for a May crop and the open flowers will need protecting against hard frosts with layers of newspaper when severe cold weather is forecast.

You can still catch up with planting onion sets even if April turns out cold

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- Central heating
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- Ground floor two bed apartment
- Entrance hall with storage cupboard
- Lounge with timber Adam style fire surround
- Fitted kitchen with gas hob and electric oven
- Bathroom with bath and electric shower
- Communal rear garden

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- Downstairs bathroom with shower
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- Unfurnished

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- AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY

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- Double glazing
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- Fitted kitchen with cooker
- Enclosed rear garden
- Unfurnished

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- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen with oven & hob
- Gas central heating & double glazing
- Ground floor W/C
- Enclosed rear garden & off road parking
- Unfurnished

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- Garage and block paved driveway
- Generous rear garden
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows

£239,950 VIEWING RECOMMENDED

WEDNESFIELD
WOOD END ROAD

- Beautifully presented extended semi detached property
- Much sought after location with views to rear over local countryside
- Three bedrooms
- Double glazing & gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Large refitted 'L' shaped dining kitchen
- Garage with electric door
- Ample off road parking

Offers in the region of £164,995

WESTCROFT, WOLVERHAMPTON
WOOD HAYES CROFT

- Large detached modern style familt residence
- Four double bedrooms, two with en-suite
- UPVC double glazing throughout
- Gas central heating
- Generous fitted dining kitchen
- Double width garage with electric doors
- Block paved off road Parking
- Internal viewing essential

Offers in the region of £299,995

ESSINGTON
ROWAN DRIVE

- Superb extended modern style detached residence
- Four bedrooms, three with fitted wardrobes
- En-suite shower room
- Two reception rooms
- Well equipped dining kitchen inc oven and hob
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Splendid fitted bathroom
- Substantial 25ft x 16ft garage/outbuilding
- Enclosed low maintenance rear garden with Koi pool & pergola

£320,000 OFFERS

ESSINGTON
LARCHMERE DRIVE

- Pleasantly appointed extended modern style detached residence
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge and separate 16ft extended dining room
- 16ft extended breakfast kitchen inc oven and hob
- Stylish UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Utility room and downstairs guest cloakroom
- Lovely established rear garden with views over local countryside
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Potential to extend at the side (subject to planning permission)

£229,950

WEDNESFIELD, YALE ESTATE
SPEEDWELL CLOSE

- Pleasantly appointed semi detached property
- Popular Yale Estate location
- Potential to extended (STPP)
- Two bedoom
- Double glazing & gas central heating
- Refitted bathroom
- Double length garage
- Ideal first time purchase

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £124,995

WEDNESFIELD
LICH AVENUE

- Extended semi detached property in popular Moathouse development
- Four bedrooms
- Potential to improve
- Double glazed windows
- Extended dining room & kitchen
- Sunroom/study
- Low maintenance rear garden
- Ideal family home

Offers in the region of £120,000

WEDNESFIELD
HAWTHORNE ROAD

- Beautifully presented extended semi detached property
- Much sought after location Off Broad Lane South
- Three bedrooms, Master with en-suite shower cubicle
- UPVC double glazing & Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Ample dining kitchen with separate utility
- Pretty enclosed rear garden
- Garage & off road parking

Offers in the region of £155,000

FEATHERSTONE, WOLVERHAMPTON
HILTON ROAD

- Spacious End Town House
- Popular village location
- Potential to extend (STPP), improve or re-model
- Two bedrooms
- Double glazed windows & gas central heating
- Refitted first floor bathroom
- Gardens to front, side & rear
- Ideal first time purchase or buy to let.

OFFERSIN THE REGION OF £78,500

WEDNESFIELD, ASHMORE PARK
HIGGS ROAD

- Traditional style semi detached on corner plot
- Popular Ashmore Park development
- Two bedrooms
- 20' Through lounge
- 19ft extended dining kitchen including oven and hob
- Study/office
- Lovely established rear garden
- Gas central heating
- Majority double glazed
- Sunroom
- Generous off road parking & garage
- Ideal first time purchase or buy to let

Offers in the region of £97,995

WILLENHALL
HILL ROAD

- Much improved extended three bedroom property
- Lounge and extended dining room
- Fitted breakfast kitchen
- Bathroom with shower
- Garage and block paved driveway
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Convenient location
- Viewing recommended

£116,950 OFFERS

WILLENHALL
HAWKSWELL DRIVE

- Superbly appointed modern style semi
- Excellent condition throughout
- Two bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Refitted kitchen with appliances
- Refitted bathroom with shower
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Garage and carport
- Concrete print driveway

£114,995 OFFERS

NEW INVENTION
WRIGHTON CLOSE

- Pleasantly appointed extended semi detached residence
- Extended to the rear at ground floor level
- Three bedrooms
- 24ft extended lounge and separate sitting/dining room
- 19ft extended dining kitchen including oven and hob
- Study/office
- Lovely established rear garden
- Gas central heating
- Majority double glazed windows

£139,950

NEW INVENTION
DORCHESTER ROAD

- Pleasantly appointed, deceptively spacious town house style property
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- External UPVC double glazed windows
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- 18ft fitted dining kitchen
- Rear lounge
- Downstairs wc
- Enclosed rear garden

WAS £92,950, NOW £87,000

WEDNESFIELD
MOATHOUSE LANE WEST

- Pleasantly appointed semi detached property
- Three bedrooms
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- UPVC double glazing & gas central heating
- First floor bathroom
- Ample enclosed rear garden
- Garage and off road parking
- Must be viewed

WAS £134,995 NOW £130,000 Stamp duty paid

WOLVERHAMPTON
SPRINGFIELD LANE

- Traditional style end terraced property
- Some internal modernisation required
- Excellent potential to improve
- Three spacious bedrooms
- 18ft 'L' shaped lounge/diner
- Enclosed low maintenance rear garden
- Garage & off road parking
- No upward chain

WAS £114,995 NOW Offers in the region of £109,995

WEDNESFIELD
NORDLEY ROAD

- Beautifully presented mid terraced property
- Refitted dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- 16ft lounge & sync double glazed conservatory
- Refitted bathroom
- Ample enclosed rear garden with paved patio
- Off road parking, viewing essential

WAS £119,950 NOW £117,500

WEDNESFIELD
TOWNSON ROAD, ASHMORE PARK

- Pleasantly situated traditional style end town house
- Corner plot position
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Lounge and dining kitchen
- Upstairs fitted bathroom with shower
- Front, side and rear gardens
- Off road parking

£97,950

BUSHBURY
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- Pleasantly appointed spacious semi-detached property
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- Refitted bathroom with white suite
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Ground floor WC and utility area
- Enclosed rear garden with decked patio
- Off road parking

WAS £124,995 NOW £120,000 OFFERS

WILLENHALL
PACKWOOD CLOSE

- Excellent modern style semi in popular Hradley Heath development
- Planning permission granted for a two storey side extension
- Cul-de-sac position
- Two bedrooms
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Fitted bathroom with white suite and shower
- Pleasant 13ft front lounge
- Enclosed rear garden

WAS £105,000 NOW £103,995

WEDNESFIELD
WADDENSBROOK LANE

- Modern style detached bungalow
- Two bedrooms
- Spacious lounge/diner
- UPVC double glazing
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••NEW INSTRUCTION•• •Extended Four Bedroom Detached •Three Reception Rooms •Downstairs WC •First Floor Bathroom/Shower Room •Double Garage •Parking To Front & Rear •Viewing Is Essential
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•Extended Detached House •Situated In A Cul-De-Sac Location •Four Reception Rooms •Ample Off Street Parking •Canal Side Location •No Upward Chain
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•Three Bedroom Semi Detached •Bathroom •Shower Room •Kitchen/Dining Room •Off Street Parking At Front & Rear •Garage •Green Views To Rear
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THE OAKLANDS

CLANFIELD AVENUE
•Four Bedroom Semi Detached •Two Reception Rooms •Conservatory •Off Street Parking •Master Bedroom With En-Suite WC •Viewing Is Highly Recommended
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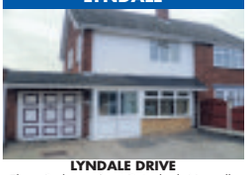

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FAIRVIEW CRESCENT
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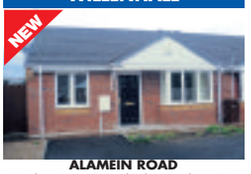

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•Modern Semi Detached Bungalow •Two Bedrooms •Cul-De-Sac Location •Off Street Parking •Rear Garden •No Chain
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•Three Bedroom Semi Detached •Modern Kitchen/Dining Room •Garage Converted To A Utility Room •Off Street Parking •Downstairs WC & Upstairs Bathroom
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•Two Bedroom End Terraced •Sun Room •Modern Kitchen/Dining Room •Enclosed Rear Garden •Off Street Parking & Garage
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•Two Bedroom Semi Detached •Open Plan Lounge/Dining Room •Front & Rear Gardens •No Upward Chain
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•Three Bedroom Semi Detached •Side Lobby •Bedroom 1 & 2 With Wardrobes •Open Plan Lounge/Dining Room > Off Street Parking •No Upward Chain
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•Recently Improved •Two Bedroom Mid Terraced •Modern Kitchen •Modern Bathroom •Off Street Parking •No Upward
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Occupying a choice position in a select cul de sac this distinctive detached property has been thoughtfully restyled by the present owners to create a most impressive and luxury family home. Refurbished to incorporate a superior quality of fittings throughout viewing is highly recommended to appreciate this truly superb example of a spacious family house which further comprises: Entrance Hall with Fitted Cloakroom • Living Room with Inglenook fire place • Double Glazed Conservatory • Separate Sitting/ Dining Room • Feature Open Plan Dining Kitchen with extensive suit of matching units including integrated appliances • Utility • Garage • Galleried Landing • Four Double Bedrooms • Luxury Ensuite with Dressing Area • Well Appointed Family Bathroom •Separate W.C. • Gas Centrally Heated & Mainly Leaded Double Glazing • Split Level Landscaped Mature Rear Garden

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Individually designed detached property occupying choice position in exclusive cul de sac in much sought after residential area. Spacious and tastefully appointed interior includes many features: •Reception Hall • Fitted Cloak Room•Magnificent Open Plan Living Room•Separate Dining Room•Feature Breakfast Kitchen with Extensive Suite of Matching Units •Utility•Useful Playroom/Study•4 Good Bedrooms • 3 bathrooms•Gas Central Heating • Mainly Double Glazing•Double Width Garage•Mature Enclosed Rear Garden•

1 The Woodlands, Keepers Lane
£399,960

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Reduced to a very realistic asking price for a quick sale this most attractive detached property has been restyled to provide a host of charming features and is situated for the majority of amenities. Located in a favoured residential area and being an excellent example of a family home, the well appointed and spacious accommodation further comprises Reception Porch to Entrance Hall • Fitted Cloakroom • Charming Living Room • Separate Sitting Room • Feature Breakfast Kitchen with extensive suite of matching units and integrated appliances • Dining Room • Garage with Utility Area • Four Double Bedrooms • Shower Room • Luxury Family Bathroom • Gas Centrally Heated & Mainly Double Glazed • Attractive Landscaped Private Rear Garden

14 Cranmere Avenue - £365,000

TETTENHALL

Situated in a popular residential area of Tettenhall occupying a corner cul de sac position this most desirable detached bungalow is surprisingly spacious offering a host of attractive features throughout. Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate the interior which further comprises: Reception Porch to Entrance Hall with Stores • Breakfast Kitchen with matching suite of units • Utility • Dining Room • Charming Living Room • Three Bedrooms with master having ensuite • Family Bathroom • Good Size Driveway leading to Detached Double Garage • Landscaped Private Rear Garden • Gas Central Heating

11d Wrekin Drive - £355,000

FINCHFIELD

NEW

Detached period property occupying secluded position in exclusive conservation area in private drive yet convenient for all amenities including excellent schools and shops. Sympathetically restyled whilst retaining the charm and appeal of a period property the tastefully appointed accommodation includes many fine features: •Entrance Hall with Fitted Cloak Room•Dining Room•Charming Living Room•L-Shaped Breakfast Kitchen with Matching Suite of Units including Integrated Appliances•Utility•Individually Designed Double Glazed Hardwood Conservatory•Four Bedrooms with Master having En Suite•Spacious Luxurious Bathroom with adjacent Exercise Area•Study•Gas Central Heating and Mainly Secondary Glazing•

The Old Coach House, Merridale Grove
£340,000

PENN

Occupying a choice position in a small private drive set back off the road being convent for the majority of amenities this distinctive detached property has been built to a generous specification providing excellent accommodation as a family house. Designed to utilize the maximum space and incorporating many distinctive features throughout the well appointed interior includes Entrance Hall • Fitted Cloakroom • Spacious Living Room • Separate Dining Room • Good Size Feature Open Plan Kitchen with matching units including integrated appliances • Garage • Four Bedrooms • Master Ensuite • Family Bathroom • Gas Centrally Heated & Mainly Double Glazing • Enclosed Rear Garden

462 Penn Road - £325,000

WIGHTWICK

NEW

Occupying a cul de sac position on a popular modern development in a favoured residential area this Georgian style detached property has been designed to utilize the maximum space and provides well planned living accommodation. Originally constructed to incorporate four bedrooms the present owners have restyled the first floor to include a good size ensuite to the master bedroom. Reception Hall with Fitted Cloakroom • Living Room with Minster style fire place • Separate Dining Room • Double Glazed Conservatory • Breakfast Kitchen • Side Entrance • Garage with Utility at rear • Three Bedrooms with the master having Spacious Ensuite • Well Appointed Family Bathroom • Enclosed Mature Garden • Gas Centrally Heated •

2 Ravensholme - £299,000

TETTENHALL

Situated in a small exclusive cul de in a popular residential area this deceptive semi detached family house offers a host of attractive features throughout. The surpassingly spacious and versatile accommodation includes: Reception Porch • Sitting Room • Charming Living Room • Separate Dining Room • Side Lobby • Downstairs Fitted Cloakroom • Breakfast Kitchen with extensive suite of matching units & integrated appliances • Three Bedrooms • Family Bathroom with white suite • Garage • Workshop/ Home Office • Attractive Mature Enclosed Rear Garden • Gas Centrally Heated & Mainly Double Glazed

5 Wergs Drive - £279,950

TETTENHALL

Screened from the main road and occupying a prime corner position in a popular residential area this modern detached property is a superb example of a family home. Designed to utilize the maximum space the versatile interior includes Reception Hall • Fitted Cloakroom • Spacious Living Room • Separate Dining Room • Feature Open Plan Dining Kitchen with extensive suite of units and integrated appliances • Utility • Four Double Bedrooms with ensuite • Family Bathroom • Garage with additional space at side for second garage or screened parking • Landscaped Rear Garden • Gas Centrally Heated & Mainly Double Glazing

99 Henwood Road - £285,000

TETTENHALL WOOD

Situated in a popular residential area this modern detached property has been extended and restyled by the present owners to provide a most attractive and charming interior, incorporating a host of attractive features throughout. Convenient for the majority of amenities and within walking distance of Tettenhall Wood shops the accommodation further comprises: Entrance Hall with Study • Delightful Living Room • Luxury Fitted Open Plan Dining Kitchen with matching suite of units and integrated appliances • Double Glazed Conservatory • Three Bedrooms • Two Bathrooms • Garage • Landscaped Rear Garden •

7 Mount Road - £275,000

TETTENHALL

NEW

This two bedroom bungalow occupies a choice position on a small exclusive development within easy walking distance of Tettenhall Village and the amenities therein. An ideal retirement home the accommodation further comprises: Entrance Hall with Stores • Fitted Kitchen with matching suite of units • Living Room • Separate Dining Room/ Bedroom • Master Bedroom • Bathroom • Attractive Landscaped Surrounding Gardens • Offered on a shared ownership basis at a very attractive asking price of £189,000

37 Hanover Court - £189,000

PERTON

REDUCED

Occupying a choice corner position in a small select cul de sac on this popular modern development this deceptive detached property has been thoughtfully extended and restyled to create spacious and versatile living accommodation and is an excellent example of a family house. Deceptive externally, viewing is essential to appreciate the well appointed accommodation which includes: Reception Porch to Entrance Hall • Living Room • Separate Dining Room • Conservatory • Kitchen with matching suite of units • Fitted Cloakroom • Five Bedrooms • Bathroom • Enclosed Rear Garden • Gas Centrally Heated & Mainly Double Glazed

14 Repton Avenue - £225,000

TETTENHALL

Occupying a choice position on this exclusive retirement development this surprisingly spacious cottage style property has been designed to utilize the maximum space and provide a host of attractive features. An excellent example of its type and offered at a realistic price the well appointed interior includes:

Entrance Hall with Shower Room • Charming Good Size Living Room with Dining Area • Fitted Kitchen • Two Double Bedrooms • Bathroom • Centrally Heated & Mainly Double Glazing • Private Enclosed Rear Garden

8 Highgrove - £210,000

PENDEFORD

Occupying a pleasant cul de sac position on a popular modern development having the majority of amenities close at hand and within easy access of the M54 for commuting to principal towns this detached property is a fine example of a family house. Designed to utilize the maximum space the well planned living accommodation includes

Entrance Hall • Living Room • Separate Dining Room • Breakfast Kitchen with matching suite of units • Utility • Fitted Cloakroom • Four Bedrooms • Two Bathrooms • Garage • Enclosed Rear Garden • Gas Centrally Heated & Mainly Double Glazing

4 Coombe Croft - £184,950

CODSALL

Traditional Detached Bungalow conveniently located for Birches Bridge and the amenities therein, viewing is highly recommended to appreciate this excellent opportunity at on £155,000. The bungalow further comprises: Porch to Living Room • Fitted Kitchen • Two Bedrooms • Bathroom • Gas Central Heating & Mainly Double Glazing • Enclosed Rear Garden •

160 Birches Road - £155,000

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REDUCED

Situated in a popular residential area convenient for the majority of amenities this traditional semi detached property represents an excellent opportunity for purchasers requiring a house to restyle to their own requirements. Already improved upon by the installation of gas central heating and mainly double glazing the accommodation includes: Entrance Hall • Choice of Two Living Rooms • Kitchen • Three Bedrooms • Bathroom • Mature Rear Garden

55 Hilston Avenue - £133,950

BRADMORE

Situated in a popular residential area having the majority of amenities close at hand and within easy access of the city centre this semi detached property represents an excellent opportunity for buyers requiring a property to restyle to own requirements. Entrance Hall • Full Width Living Room • Kitchen • Three Bedrooms • Bathroom • Garage • Enclosed Rear Garden •

10a Victoria Road - £120,000

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Vauxhall take fresh approach to Meriva

THE MERIVA was introduced back in 2003 and it has been a very successful small vehicle with over 100,000 being sold in the UK.

However it was getting a bit old and it needed a makeover and thankfully Vauxhall didn't go down the road of let's just tweak the headlamps, or put new door handles on, no they have created a completely new and very stylish looking vehicle.

When you look at the vehicle, the front has the corporate look that says I am a Vauxhall, but the biggest change without doubt is when you look at the side profile, Vauxhall have taken the rather brave step of equipping the Meriva with what they describe as flex-doors. Flex-doors basically are doors that are hinged backwards which then swing open towards the rear of the car at an angle of almost 90 degrees, this makes this vehicle almost a must for people with young children or mobility issues that need to utilise the rear of the car.

By Bob Hickman

The doors cannot be opened by the occupants whilst the Meriva is travelling at more than two mph. The concept itself is nothing new but it does promote Meriva very high on to the list of must have if you are a family and need vehicles that have ease of access for children and child seats.

Journey

The designers have really worked overtime inside the vehicle, there is a completely new approach to the centre console and a variety of storage and comfort solutions are incorporated. I do like vehicles that have lots and lots of nooks and crannies to secrete the bits and pieces that we seem to have to take with us on our journey

The rear seats can be folded down to increase the amount of luggage capacity and also the flex-space system allows for the movement of rear seats to create a little bit of head or shoulder room. The boot also has a secret compartment, the floor of the boot can be lifted and you can store items away from prying eyes.

There is a choice of engine configurations for the Meriva with several petrols and diesels as options, the petrols are going to be based primarily on 1.4-litre engines and the diesels will be a variety either of 1.3 or 1.7-litres. The engineers at Vauxhall are still striving to get their CO2 emissions down and it is going to be some time before they are down in to the realms of the CO2 emissions which qualify for free or very low road tax, but they are working very hard to achieve this.

My Meriva was equipped with a 1.4-litre turbo charged engine with a capacity of 1364cc, and produced 140 bhp, sufficient Vauxhall suggest of a top speed of 122 mph and a 0 – 60 in marginally over 10 seconds.

The five-speed gearbox was quite a notchy easy to use configuration, I did find however that the vehicle could be lethargic in fourth and fifth gears and if an overtake was necessary it was essential to get that engine and more importantly the turbo spinning to give you the get up and go that you need.

The vehicles are well equipped, although on my model Vauxhall had taken the trouble to spend £855 on a satellite navigation system and if it was my money I wouldn't bother, I found my own £100 Tom-Tom was far more efficient and try as I would with the sat nav in the Vauxhall I couldn't get it to accept postcodes and a trip in to a Shropshire hamlet proved very difficult with the on-board system but a doddle with the Tom-tom.

Standard features on my vehicle included electric front windows which was a surprise, as the rear flexi doors have good old fashioned wind-up windows.

An absolute plethora of air bags are incorporated and Vauxhall have enabled an air bag deactivation switch so you can safely put a child seat on the front passenger seat. I am not too convinced that an electronic parking brake is necessary on a vehicle of this type but you get used to it.

From a driving perspective the vehicle is a little higher than normal so it does give you an extra bit of visibility, but nothing too dramatic. It was a comfortable, predictable vehicle to drive, nothing too exciting but you don't expect that from this type of vehicle. It does everything that you require from a saloon to transport the family about.

Pricing structures for the Meriva vary from £13,000 up to a hefty £22,000, my 1.4-litre turbo was priced at £19,740, the extras fitted took it over £21,000 and the fuel figures quoted for the engine was a not too exciting 42.2 mpg on the combined figure. CO2 is quoted at 156 and that puts it sadly in to the £155 excise duty, and that is a shame.

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ADVERTISING FEATURE

Bigger, better Mazda showroom for W'ton

Family-owned Brindley Garages Group will be doubling the size of its Mazda showroom in Wolverhampton in readiness for the new wave of fuel-efficient Mazda vehicles featuring SKYACTIV technology, starting with the arrival of Mazda CX-5 in May.

The Mazda Wolverhampton site, which opened for business in West Street during January, is Brindley's second Mazda outlet.

It follows the opening three years ago of its first dealership for the Japanese brand in Stourbridge.

"At the moment, there is only room to display four new cars in the showroom and we want to have room to show eight Mazdas as the range expands," explained sales manager Natalie Stephenson.

The new showroom will be ready by early summer, just in time for the launch of the Mazda CX-5.

The extended Mazda showroom is convenient for the city centre

Plaudits

The compact crossover SUV is already winning plaudits for its combination of fun-to-drive handling, with class-leading fuel efficiency and low emissions.

Mazda will launch additional 'sixth generation' Mazda models featuring SKYACTIV technology during 2013.

These are expected to appeal to business users as well as retail customers – so Brindley is strengthening its fleet sales team with the help of Mazda UK's dedicated business sales force.

The extended Mazda facility is close to the city centre and is backed by a four-bay workshop and a full parts and accessories service.

The Brindley Garages Group was founded 80 years ago and covers the West Midlands with sites in Cannock and Halesowen as well as Stourbridge and Wolverhampton.

"It's a big family group so you get the best of both worlds – the good deal that a large group offers and you can talk to the boss as well," said marketing manager Tracy Baker. "Some of our customers have been with us for more than 20 years and we take pride in generating exceptional customer loyalty."

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Model shown: Mazda2 1.3 5dr Venture Edition OTR £12,995. On the road price includes VAT, number plates, delivery, 12 months' road fund licence, 1st registration fee, 3 year or 60,000 mile warranty and 3 years' European Roadside Assistance. Model shown features optional Mica paint (£460). Model shown: Mazda MX-5 Roadster Coupe 2.0i Venture. OTR price £22,295. On the road price includes Mica/Pearlescent paint VAT, number plates, delivery, 12 months' road fund licence, 1st registration fee, 3 year or 60,000 mile warranty and 3 years' European Roadside Assistance. °Test drives subject to applicant status and availability. Details correct at time of going to print.

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TIPS OF THE WEEK

In these days of rising energy bills you may consider renewable technologies to save you money but before you invest in any renewable technologies you should always make sure your home is thoroughly insulated in order to make the maximum savings. Take advice from a local builder and The Federation of Master Builders.

When starting a building project always use a contract which should include details such as start and completion dates, costs and payment plan. You can download a free contract from the Federation of Master Builders (FMB), the largest trade association in the UK construction industry, http://www.fmb.org.uk/find-a-builder/free-contracts/.

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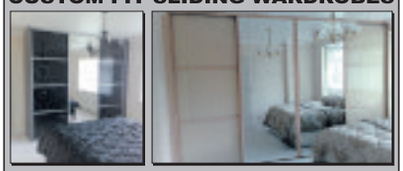

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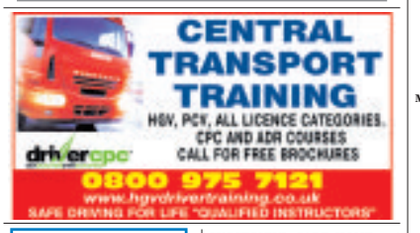

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The boxing centurion and former world middleweight champion was in his pomp from 1942 to 1954 and has never been forgotten.

And, on Wednesday, May 30, Black Country fight fans will get the chance to meet one of boxing's most famous all-time figures.

In what is expected to be his last tour of the United Kingdom, LaMotta will be the feature attraction of a sportsman's dinner.

His life story garnered such interest that it was made into one of the most iconic boxing movies of all time, 'Raging Bull.'

Named after his ring nick name, it was released in 1980 starring Robert De Niro as LaMotta and directed by Martin Scorsese.

LaMotta, himself, has acted in 15 films, such as a role in 'the Hustler' with Paul Newman.

In the ring, the Italian-American boxed 106 times with 80 wins, 30 by stoppage, with 19 defeats and four draws.

A six-fight trilogy with another legend of the squared circle, 'Sugar' Ray Robinson, was the best remembered of his contests.

Infamously, LaMotta also admitted throwing a fight in 1947 for the Mafia, in order to land his world title shot.

Tickets for the night cost £75, to include a seated three-course meal and meeting the man himself for a photograph.

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Penn Colts U9 West 3
Withymoor Colts U9 West 1

Sam Hulme's header and goals from Jack Humphries and Blake Brownhill, both set up by Brwa Gafur, put the match out of Withymoor's reach.

Penn Colts U12 2
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Wolverhampton ABC trainers and friends with the fighters and flag from Dominica

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Four fighters from the tiny West Indies island have spent time in the Black Country training at the Horseley Fields club, while living with families in the area.

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by Craig Birch

They next join the rest of the Dominica boxing team to take part in Games qualifiers, which will be decided next week in Brazil.

Brazil, Cuba and other Caribbean countries are all involved and all are desperate to join their countries' Olympic squads.

Birmingham-born ex-pro Trevor Nerwal, who used to train at Wolverhampton ABC, has been the brains behind establishing boxing in Dominica.

Now a property developer and living on the island, his links with the club have allowed him to send his fighters over to acclimatise to England.

The former national team coach is now an advisor to the set-up but the country have yet to have a fighter qualify for the Games.

And Nerwal insists if that changes this summer Dominica will have Wolverhampton ABC – and their club secretary John Thomas – to thank.

He said: "I am really grateful, nothing is ever too much for that guy and he has got a heart as big as a house.

"A lot of people have promised us things and nothing has ever come through, only John has stepped up to the plate.

"Here, it can be frustrating, everyone is so backward in coming forwards and things are so slow.

"It's a very small island with small island thinking.

"The guys that have gone will have had the best preparation they have ever had, I hope they take everything on board.

"Becoming a successful boxer could change their lives – it's the discipline and respect it would give them.

"It's all in a punch – there was a few fights I wasn't supposed to win along the way.

"And, if any of them do get through, it will all be down to Wolverhampton ABC."

Wolves ABC trainer Marcus Ashman has worked at close quarters with all four fighters since they came to the UK.

The 50-year-old from Pendeford Rise has been impressed with what he has seen, too.

The odds may be stacked against them, but Ashman believes there's enough skill between the four for them to cause a shock.

He said: "I have been working closely with them and they are good boxers, strong and fit.

"Ozzie is quick and strong, while Simba is a more aggressive fighter who likes to come forward.

"Lucien is a brilliant boxer – he's got movement, speed and power. Rowain is another to watch out for.

"With him, it's his strength and his ability to press forward while remaining defensively strong."

Standing toe-to-toe is no game to the fighting pride of Dominica in the Olympic-sized ring at Wolverhampton ABC

Alex in the tries as win confirms promotion

Wolverhampton 54 Uttoxeter 14

THE DAY before Wolverhampton Wanderers were relegated from the Premiership without a whimper, Wolverhampton RUFC roared back to Division Two.

Wolverhampton needed only a bonus point to go up, but did the job in style by taking victory.

Alex Bird settled the early nerves, swooping on a loose ball and jinking between four defenders before outpacing both full-back and covering winger to score in the corner.

Alex Dizija then dotted down in the corner after a big scrum from Wolverhampton's tight five and added another following a catch and drive.

He was then handed a one-on-one opportunity against the opposition winger. With less than a metre of space next to the touchline, he showed good pace to clinch his hat-trick and with Ben Barnes landing two conversions, Wolverhampton were away.

With 24 minutes on the clock Wolverhampton had the four-try bonus point in the bag and promotion clinched.

Wolverhampton didn't relax and outside centre Stuart Andrews broke clear on a 30m dash and dive for the line.

Uttoxeter hit back for the only other try of the half, but trailed 32-7 at the interval.

Early in the second half Richard Davis and Bill Jones entered the fray to replace Gareth Hill and Leigh French. With his first two touches, Jones scored individual tries that left numerous defenders stranded. One was converted by Barnes.

The scoring for Wolverhampton was completed by back row Davis who went over after a lineout catch and drive was collapsed by the Uttoxeter pack.

Uttoxeter managed to claw back a further seven points through a penalty try, but it was the men in black who enjoyed the spoils of victory.

Wolverhampton 19 Eccleshall 7

The thirds finished with a home victory against Eccleshall in a game that saw Wolverhampton putting 23 players out on the day. Wolves ran in three first-half tries through Dan Harrington, Kyran Fellows and Dan Squires. Eccleshall put points on the board with a try late in the game.

Stourbridge 12 Wolverhampton 25

The colts stormed through the first round of the Fred Rowley competition held at Walsall Rugby Club, and meet old rivals Lichfield in the semi-finals.

Lichfield, knocked out of the Staffs County Colts Cup by Wolverhampton, are also looking to avenge their defeat in the final of the Fred Rowley Trophy last year.

■ Wolves under-12s overcame strong opposition and appalling conditions to finish as runners-up to Lichfield in the Staffs Festival at Burntwood Rugby Club.

They went through the group stage after beating Newport, Newcastle and Stoke and losing to Walsall.

The semi-final against Stafford was tied 1-1, Wolves going through on tries scored through the day. In the final they were pitted against arch-rivals Lichfield, who proved too good and won 2-0.

Women battle rain and hail in double joy

Wolves 2 Stoke City 0

WOLVES Women produced another professional performance in torrid conditions to beat Stoke City and complete a West Midlands Women's Combination league and cup double.

There was a nervy opening to this final, but Wolves settled first with Dani Selmes hitting the post following a corner.

Stoke then failed to clear the ball and defender Layla Salter had her strike parried away before Jamillah Palmer saw an effort flash wide in a manic 60 seconds.

Just before the break Wolves forced a corner.

Jen Anslow swung the flag-kick in under the crossbar and it beat Stoke keeper Alice Langstone.

The second half saw a hailstorm, torrential rain, thunder and lightning leaving the pitch almost under water.

The game slowed right down in the poor conditions but Wolves started the half brightly, with Leanne Rimmer threading a beautiful ball over the top of the Stoke defence for Becky Hall to fire wide of the post.

Wolves wrapped up the win with a goal in injury time.

Becky Hall produced a smart piece of skill to leave three Stoke players standing before crossing to Selmes, whose deflected shot nestled in the bottom corner.

Khayat in action on the oche

WEDNESFIELD'S Ash Khayat competed in the opening events of darts' PDC Youth Tour.

Khayat reached two third rounds in three events over two days at the Moorways Centre in Derby, going out at the first hurdle in the second event on Saturday.

Khayat went out 4-3 to Jamie Green after starting with a first-round 4-0 whitewash of Joe Thompson.

In the second event, Khayat's day came to a disappointing end with a 4-2 defeat to Wouter Vaes at the first stage.

On Sunday, Khayat opened with a whitewash 4-0 win over Michael Blake.

He dropped a leg to Jamie Landon in the second round, but was still a 4-1 winner before losing 4-0 to James Hubbard.

Arron Monk won two of the three events and Michael Smith the other.

Thomas on the goal trail

Bilbrook 4 Lichfield City 1

A THOMAS Edmunds hat-trick and a fourth from Jake Bennett saw Bilbrook through to the Midland Junior Premier League Cup final against Stourbridge North.

They meet on May 12 at Coleshill Town FC.

Girls
Bilbrook U11 3
Penkridge Juniors U11 2

Penkridge led 2-1 at half-time, Bilbrook's goal coming from Sophie Jones. A Jessica Bird second-half double turned the game for Bilbrook.

Girls results: Bilbrook U11 5 Stafford Town U11 0, Bilbrook U14 3 Kingshurst Sporting Club U14 1.

Boys results: CS Colts U9 3 Bilbrook U9 West 3, Wordsley Wasps U10 West 1 Bilbrook U10 0, Thimblemill REC U15 Vipers 0 Bilbrook U15 5, Forest Falcons U18 1 Bilbrook U18 4.

Start of season is stumped by rain

Danescourt Diary, by David Lycett

AS SOON as Wolverhampton Cricket Club's league programme starts, it rains.

In the Staffs Club League on Saturday, our Danes XI versus Penkridge was cancelled; our TC Wergs were abandoned after the fall of two wickets and, at home, our Courts XI (a young academy side) put Penkridge in and had them 97-7 with bowlers Louis Walker and Rob Lowe impressing – but did not get a chance to bat.

The season has got off to a very damp start.

We have played two games in the Graham Williamson Birmingham League Knockout and lost both, one in the main competition and the other in the plate.

The only redeeming feature is that one of our new additions, Carl Quinney from Wombourne, scored a century in only his second match for us. Quite a relief, as he was out second ball in his first match.

The Birmingham League Premier League starts in earnest on Saturday and we are home (noon) to Brockenhurst, newly promoted from Division One. On Sunday, we are away to Lullington Park in the National Knockout (1pm). Let us hope for better weather in all forthcoming fixtures.

Hesitation is costly

Bridgnorth Town 4 Willenhall 0

HESITANCY at both ends cost Willenhall dear in this Midland Alliance defeat.

Willenhall pressed first and saw Phil Hurdley head off his own line after Chris Crook had failed to hold a cross from Adam Swain.

Willenhall fell behind when the unmarked Liam Bood headed home on 36 minutes.

The home side increased their lead on 54 minutes when Ryan Guryn's shot took a big deflection to leave keeper Liam Flynn helpless.

Two minutes later a short back-pass ended with Flynn upending a Bridgnorth player, allowing home skipper Jason Pike to crash home from the spot to make it 3-0. Pike then added a fourth goal.

In goes the second goal past Dorus De Vries and down a division go Wolves

Wolves' Matt Jarvis takes a tumble after a challenge by City's Pablo Zabaleta

Hail, hearty fans and the same old frailties

Wolves 0 Manchester C 2

THE lingering death that has been Wolves' relegation after three seasons in the top flight is now complete and the team has been put out of its misery.

Manchester City were always unlikely to offer any hope of a reprieve, already impossible to imagine especially after their title rivals Manchester United dropped two points at Old Trafford a couple of hours earlier.

The bottom team's 22nd and conclusive defeat of the season on Sunday contained a re-run of all the familiar frailties which have ushered Wolves to this demoralising fate, ***writes Martin Swain.***

A bright start, a brief few moments of promise, a threat or two carried to the opposition goal before too easily, much too easily, Wolves began shipping chances. Against this lavishly-assembled and talented City collective, that was only ever going to end one way.

Flawed

In a perverse way, the relegation now confirmed at such a relatively early stage gives the club an advantage over the two other Premier League outfits yet to join them.

The chance is there to confront with clarity the big questions inevitably raised by their fall from grace – most obviously who will be entrusted with the task of managing the Championship campaign looming and with which players.

It can only be hoped that from the wreckage of Mick McCarthy's flawed design, aggravated as it was by the equally-flawed timing of his sacking and subsequent search for a successor, emerges a more progressive and expansive force.

It is possible to see that, even amid the rush of defeats which have made Terry Connor's tenure a car crash which has undeservedly thrown the coach's reputation under a bus, Wolves have endeavoured to control possession a little more carefully. But they remain a one-trick pony dependant solely on crosses from out wide.

Wolves have been found wanting for quality and nowhere was that more likely to be so obviously apparent than in a meeting with one of the Premier League's most gifted ensembles on the day the trapdoor to the Championship lay wide open.

For all its occasional confrontations with McCarthy during his lengthy stint, the Molineux galleries have been staunchly behind their ailing team during its long demise and were splendidly defiant again as City arrived to deliver the death blow.

They even dared to believe in at least a gesture of resistance – and another twist in the absorbing title battle being waged way above Wolves – when David Davis tested Joe Hart with a 12th-minute drive as Wolves opened eagerly, Michael Kightly again playing the role of chief optimist.

But class will out and, four minutes later, the exchange of passes between Pablo Zabaleta, David Silva and Samir Nasri gave Wolves fans a glimpse of the movement and control they rarely saw in McCarthy's era.

Nasri pulled his shot wide and when Richard Stearman then reminded supporters of another of the season's failings – an unforced defensive error – and Sergio Aguero also failed, we wondered if this might be one of those fitful displays from Roberto Mancini's men.

Sadly, that hope was shattered in the 27th minute, by which time the visitors' rising superiority was unmistakable. A breathtaking pass from Gael Clichy took out the entire Wolves back-line and played in Aguero for a clear chance about which Wayne Hennessey's faultless replacement Dorus De Vries could do nothing. It was perhaps a surprise City had to wait until the 74th minute – and after Steven Fletcher had again tested Hart with a header which alarmed the irritated Mancini – before clinching the game. But when it came, it was Wolves' entire season in a fragment of football.

A corner by Kightly was poorly executed and off sprang City on the counter-attack. Davis thought he had fairly nailed Carlos Tevez on the halfway line only for a foul to be awarded to the outrage of home fans.

But Wolves were stretched horribly by City's quick free-kick, which ended with Tevez feeding Nasri for an easy finish, a final moment of misfortune added to by Sebastien Bassong pulling his hamstring.

The heavens opened with a dramatic hailstorm to say their farewell, leaving Wolves fans wondering when the sun will be seen over Molineux again.

Relegation is just too much to bear for these two Wolves fans

Aerial action for Gareth Barry and Wolves' Karl Henry

Saj shines but rain is the winner

Beacon CC Tales from The Bratch

THE Beacon new-boys provided some rays of sunshine as the weather ruined the opening day of the Staffs Clubs Championship.

First team debutant Saj Nazir shone with the ball in the Division One clash at Swindon, taking advantage of bowler-friendly conditions to bag 4-9 from 11.2 overs as Swindon were dismissed for 81.

Slow right-armer Ben Robinson took 3-24 while South African import Ryno Alberts picked up his first English victim on his way to 1-6 from nine overs.

But Beacon's hopes of chasing down the runs were ended by heavy rain after they had reached 8-1.

The seconds managed just 12 overs before their Swindon tie was washed out.

Spinner Brad Sproson and Worcestershire Under-13 all-rounder Billy Cox were among the wickets on their senior debuts in the thirds' clash with Whitmore Reans.

Sproson took 5-73 and Cox 3-21 as Whitmore Reans declared on 253-8. Rain denied Beacon the chance to reply.

A youthful fourth XI slipped to an eight-wicket defeat at Hammerwich. Phil Westwood made 24 in Beacon's 81.

Beacon's Under-13s made progress in the National Knockout with victory in a rain-affected clash with Wightwick & Finchfield.

Billy Cox hit an unbeaten 31 as Beacon posted 81-3 from 20 overs. The hosts were 39-5 from 11 overs when the game was halted. Beacon won by virtue of a higher score rate.

Aris leads the Aces to victory

Wednesfield 97 Leicester 70

WEDNESFIELD took a comfortable Elite League cycle speedway victory on a rain-sodden day.

Lee Aris headed the scoresheet while Ben Mould again proved that his close-season signing was a superb piece of business for the Aces.

There was support down the order with youngster Ricki Johnson pulling off a super pass in heat seven.

Leicester won the Combination match 67-57.

Wednesfield: Lee Aris 19+1, Ben Mould 18, Ricki Johnson 15+1, Luke Draisey 12, Mark Griffiths 10+2, Ben Higham 10+1, Gavin Wheeler 8+1,Scott Doherty 5+2.

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Mark hits hat-trick as Casuals claim win

Wellington 0
Wolverhampton Casuals 3

WOLVERHAMPTON Casuals bounced back from their midweek defeat to Stafford Town with an excellent win to collect maximum points to consolidate their third place in the West Midlands Premier Division.

A Mike Davies hat-trick gave them the victory.

Chances were at a premium for the hosts in the first half.

Andy McClean headed over and for the visitors Davies went close after being set up by Jonathan Aldridge.

But Casuals dominated the second half, going in front in the 50th minute when Davies volleyed home an Aldridge cross.

The visitors extended their lead in the 63rd minute when Davies headed home after some fine play between Aldridge and Tom Maydew.

On 80 minutes Davies claimed his hat-trick and Casuals' third goal.

Maydew picked out Aldridge with a long ball down the wing for himto go on to beat a defender then laid the ball off for Davies.

Casuals went close to a fourth goal when substitute Mike Hancox had a goal-bound shot cleared off the line.

Hot-shots' tally now 15 in three

Wednesfield 4 Shifnal Town 2

HOT-SHOTS Wednesfield took their goals tally to 15 in three games to secure three well-deserved West Midlands Premier Division points.

After a quiet start Wednesfield found their shooting boots with an excellent Keith Thomas finish.

Shifnal hit back with a Danny Wayne equaliser in the 37th minute.

Wednesfield stepped up another gear as Thomas claimed his second goal early in the second half.

Lee Butler added a third goal, finishing off a good build-up.

Wednesfield continued to threaten the visitors' goal and Tom McCrystal made it 4-1 when he fired home from just outside the area.

The Shropshire side pulled one back in the 80th minute with a well taken Chris Hillary header, but could make no further inroads.

Sowka's best yet leaves Lynn behind

Wolves 51 King's Lynn 41

LUKASZ SOWKA had his best match in Wolves colours as they took all three Elite League points against King's Lynn.

The 18-year-old was unbeaten in his first two rides and on the way to victory in his third when Lynn's Daniel Nermark made an error on the fourth bend, clipping the Wolves reserve and causing both riders to fall.

Sowka was stood down from the rest of the meeting with blurred vision and a sore backside. But he had showed enough to suggest that this might be a turning point for the young Pole, who looked at home at Monmore Green for the first time since his promising display in last year's Banks's Olympique. Fellow reserve Ricky Wells continued his good form despite an expensive-sounding bang from his machinery in heat seven.

At the top of the order, Freddie Lindgren struggled to impose himself – team boss Peter Adams rated him 80 per cent fit following last week's heavy crash – and had just the one race win.

Tai Woffinden was a touch less than dominant – which still meant very good. And another display of force and purpose from Ty Proctor meant that Wolves had plenty of scoring potential. But former Wolf Niels-Kristian Iversen's imperious display, dropping just a solitary point, meant the Stars were able to haul themselves back from the brink of an abyss when trailing 18-5 after just four races.

Backed by the willing Mads Korneliussen and world under-21 champion Maciej Janowski, Iversen oversaw a gradual revival, but just as the Stars threatened, Lindgren got up on the line in a thrilling finish to heat 10 to split Korneliussen and Kevin Wolbert.

They were still only six adrift with three races to go. But Janowski got what looked a tough disqualification call from referee Margaret Vardy in a messy opening corner to heat 13. And when Jordan Frampton's gallant effort to win the next came unstuck with a crash-causing lock-up, the Parrys International Wolves had breathing space.

Anything but a Stars 5-1 from the last would give them all three points, and Woffinden and Lindgren duly relegated Korneliussen to the rear. Wolves host Poole at Monmore Green on Monday (7.30pm).

Wolves: Freddie Lindgren 11, Ricky Wells 10+3, Tai Woffinden 10+2, Ty Proctor 8+1, Nicolai Klindt 5, Lukasz Sowka 4+2, Pontus Aspgren 3+2.

King's Lynn: Niels-Kristian Iversen 17, Mads Korneliussen 9, Maciej Janowski 6, Daniel Nermark 3+2, Kevin Wolbert 3, Dakota North 2, Jordan Frampton 1+1.

I'M STAYING HERE, MOXEY TELLS FANS

WOLVES chief executive Jez Moxey has insisted he will not be driven out by fans after the club were relegated.

He maintained that he will remain at Molineux to lead a promotion assault next season.

He has borne the brunt of fans' criticism before and after relegation from the Premier League was confirmed with Sunday's 2-0 defeat to Manchester City.

by Tim Nash

Supporters chanted for his removal at the final whistle while internet rumours suggested he could be moving to America.

But Moxey, who has been at Wolves for 12 years, said he has no plans to leave.

"I'm sure I will be at Molineux at the start of next season, hopefully with a team competitive enough to win promotion," he said.

"I'm aware of the speculation about my future but the rumours are completely untrue.

"While no-one wants to receive negative comments from fans, it comes with the territory and I accept that that's the job I've got.

Stick

"In football, someone has to be blamed and held to account and although it's not what I'd want, I take it on the chin.

"I am big enough, ugly enough and experienced enough to know what happens.

"For me, it's not a big deal.

"It's better me getting stick than the players."

Meanwhile, Moxey warned fans not to expect things to be easier in the Championship next season.

"We're under no illusions as to how difficult it will be, when you consider the other teams going down, and the promoted teams coming into the Championship," he said.

"It will be as difficult as any season anyone has seen. If you think about the teams going into it from below, Charlton are up and it's likely both Sheffield clubs could be in there, so I don't think the argument that it's weaker than before is true.

"It's going to be extremely tough, also with clubs vying for promotion that don't go up this season.

"It's 46 games of hard graft with everyone trying to beat us and there are also the expectation levels to cope with.

"But fans can rest assured we'll pick ourselves up and approach the challenges that lie ahead, head on.

"And we will do it with as much vigour and enthusiasm as we can."

Emotional manager Terry Connor was close to tears as Wolves were confirmed for the drop.

"It was a really tough, emotional and raw day, not just for myself, but the staff, players, supporters – everyone connected with the club will feel the hurt,"he said.

"Wolves is a club with a lot of heart and tradition."

Karl Henry, left, and Stephen Ward show their dejection as Wolves' long-expected relegation is confirmed

Goal-blitz AFC are back in third spot

AFC Wombourne Utd 8
Leominster 1

WOMBOURNE demolished Leominster to regain third place in West Midlands Division One.

Leading goalscorer Paul Harris netted a hat-trick, starting as early as the third minute when he converted a crossed ball from Curtis Ellis to open the scoring.

Harris was on hand again in the 20th minute to head home an Adam Callinswood corner. Callinswood scored the next one himself with a fine piece of play where he passed the ball past the goalkeeper.

This was followed by a glut of goals just before the break.

On 44 minutes, the visitors managed to pull a goal back with a cracking shot that went in off the post.

Penalty

But this was quickly counteracted by a third for Harris as he again headed a ball from Callinswood into the visitors' net.

Adam Holliday made it five before the referee blew for half-time.

Wombourne started the second half much as they had finished the first, this time Chris Holliday calmly tapping the ball in past the Leominster keeper.

At 6-1, Wombourne started to ease up and brought on youngsters Jack Ball and James Green for Callinswood and Harris.

Both were to make their mark on the game.

Green scored a penalty when Jon Clarke was brought down in the box.

Ball rose to head home the eighth and final goal to underline an impressive performance by the Wombourne side.

Wombourne play the first leg of their league cup semi-final against Wyrley Juniors at Castlecroft on Saturday.

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OFFICIAL CHEVROLET FUEL CONSUMPTION FIGURES CRUZE 1.6 LS: URBAN 31.4, EXTRA-URBAN 51.4, COMBINED 41.5, CO2 159 G/KM.

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OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENT DATA. FUEL CONSUMPTION FIGURES MPG AND CO2 EMISSIONS (G/KM) FOR CAPTIVA 2.2 VCDi LT: URBAN - 33.2, EXTRA URBAN – 51.3, COMBINED - 42.8. CO2 EMISSIONS 174G/KM. Offer prices available on vehicles registered between 1st April 2012 and 30th June 2012, whilst stocks last. Not available in conjunction with any other offers. Vehicle shown is Captiva 2.2 VCDi LTZ with metallic paint at an extra cost of £410. Offer prices available whilst stocks last. Not available in conjunction with any other offers. Available on UK supplied vehicles. 5 year warranty up to 100,000 miles, expires whichever occurs first. This offer includes Chevrolet's standard Customer Care Commitment of a 2 year unlimited mileage manufacturer's warranty, and third year manufacturer's warranty with a 60,000 mile limitation. Years 4 and 5 are an insurance-backed warranty up to a maximum of 100,000 miles. The warranty excludes wear and tear and serviceable items and the vehicle has to be serviced in accordance with the manufacturer's servicing schedule. Prices correct at time of press.